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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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The Biggest Problem on Earth!

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By Pastor Andrew Telford
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"Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."—James 1:15.

I want to talk to you about sin. Has anyone ever told you about your sin? We need to have someone stand up and bring before us the fact of our private, personal sin. We need to hear about it in more detail than perhaps we have ever heard before.

Sin is a big subject. It is vast in scope. It is a universal subject. It reaches out to the world of mankind, no matter where he is found. The heathen know something about sin. The reason they carry out their religious duties is because they are conscious of sin. Why do the heathen in India measure their lengths in the sand from one temple to another? They feel that in this performance they are appeasing the wrath of an angry God.

The same religious performances are carried on among the heathen in America. Is this not the reason why thousands of Roman Catholics will rise early in the morning, go down to their churches, say masses, quote prayers, and pay out

money? They know they have sinned, so they are trying to atone. (Continued on page 5)



Rev. Andrew Telford

This sermon is on those three words, "Come and see."

The Christian religion is a religion of miracles and of certainties. There are other religions in the world, but not because they have ever proved themselves better than the Christian religion.

Because their families go that way, people have a preference for a false religion—whether it is some cult in America, or animal worship in Africa, or fire worship by the Zoroastrians; whether it is the tenets and teachings of Buddha in China and India, or Mohammedanism in North Africa and Syria. These false religions do not need repentance; they do not require as much. But there are no reasons why anybody should turn down the Christian religion, and there is never any intelligent reason why people do. Always it's because of a preference that way.

One can absolutely know whether the Bible is true, can absolutely know whether Jesus is the Son of God, whether He rose literally from the dead. One can absolute-

ly know whether Christ changes the heart and makes a new creature of one who comes to trust in Christ.

Now today I want to talk to you about proving Christ, about coming to Christ and seeing.

John preached, and Andrew and John the beloved heard him say, "That is the Saviour." They started following. That was intelligent. That was an honest heart. They followed Jesus. Jesus turned and said, "What seek ye?" They answered, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou?" He said, "Come and see." They went home with Him, and all their doubts disappeared; all the problems were solved. They knew they were saved. They went then, Andrew to find his brother, Philip, and both of them to close up the fishing business and start to follow Jesus in preaching.

Here is the case of Nathanael. Philip was just a new convert. He came after Nathanael, and said, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law and prophets, did write." That is all right so far. "The son of Joseph," he said. Jesus was not the son of Joseph, but this new convert didn't know the difference. People generally called Him the son of Joseph. Joseph was the head of the house where Jesus lived and was a foster father. But Nathanael asked, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? I just can't believe the Saviour would live up at Nazareth and come from Galilee. It isn't foretold in the prophecies. I can't believe that." So Philip very wisely said, "Come and see. Come and

find out for yourself."

To anybody who says, "I don't believe the Bible," I say, why don't you try and see? Come and see.

To those who say, "I don't believe tithing will work; I can't afford to," I say, Come and see! To others who say, "I don't believe God answers particular prayer in time of distress, or for healing of the body, or for supply of needs," I ask you to come and see. Find out for yourselves!

You say, "I don't believe God's plan of raising a family will work." I challenge you. Come and see! Try it and find out. Somebody says, "I don't believe Jesus could change my heart, solve my problems, change my nature, and make me a child of God." I beg you today to try and see. Come and see.

I. The Simplest Way to Prove God and the Bible: On the Money Question

First of all, the simplest way one can prove God is by giving.

If there is anything that is concrete, definite, tangible and provable, it is that one can come to God and put Him first about where he puts his money, about how he lives and find that God supplies all his needs.

In Malachi, the third chapter, God makes this definite challenge:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; (Continued on page 8)

The Only Begotten Son

By H. A. Ironside, D. D., Litt. D.
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"The Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us, and we beheld his glory (the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth." (Lit. Rend.)—John 1:14.

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, subsisting in the bosom of the Father, he hath told him out" (Lit. Rend.)—John 1:18.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."—I John 4:9.

Begotten in Time

"Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." Ps. 2:7.

The First Born

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature (or, of all creation)." Col. 1:15.

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Col. 1:18.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Rom. 8:29.

"Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of [or from among] the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth."—Rev. 1:5.

"And when he bringeth the first

born into the habitable earth again, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him" (Lit. Rend.)—Heb. 1:6.

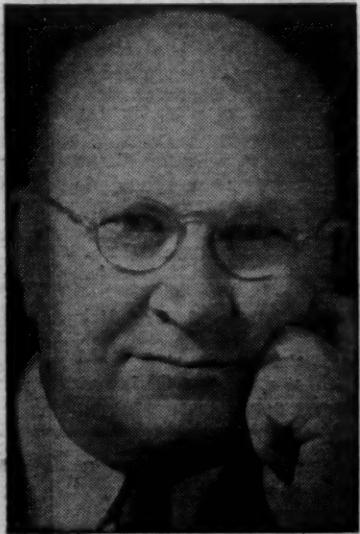
Five times in the New Testament our Lord Jesus Christ is called the only begotten, and five times He is called the first born or the first begotten. And in these we may see how carefully balanced is the presentation of the truth as to His divine-human personality. He is God and Man in one wondrous, adorable person, and of these two terms referring to His sonship bear witness. Five times our Lord is called the only begotten—that is what He is in His essential deity. Five times He is called first begotten—that is what He became as a man. All I shall attempt to do is to turn you from one Scripture to another, linking these together with a few comments to bring out the true deity and the true humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The five instances in which the term "only begotten" is used are all found in John's writings, four times in the gospel and once in his first epistle. The four gospel passages I will give you first. John 1:14: "The Word was made [or literally became]; it was voluntary on His part] flesh and dwelt [or tabernacled] among us, and we beheld His glory." John is speaking for himself and his fellow apostles who had companied with the Lord during those three and a half wonderful years. "We beheld his glory" (Continued on page 7)

Editor Gets Trip to the Holy Land



Pictured here is Dr. Jack Hyles of Hammond, Indiana, presenting to Editor John R. Rice a letter and check showing that friends have paid for him a trip to Europe and the Holy Land with President Bob Jones and party, February 11-27, 1962. This was presented in devotions Thursday morning, August 31.



Dr. H. A. Ironside



It is Tuesday, September 19. I have just called old friend Fred Hawkins at Springfield, Missouri, congratulating him on his seventieth birthday. God has greatly blessed Brother Hawkins in soul winning. He has won literally hundreds of businessmen to Christ. Also he is being greatly used of God in getting out the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" He has gotten out, I think, over 200,000 copies and it has resulted in many souls being saved.

His method is unique. He often takes some three hundred of these booklets, each in a stamped, un-addressed envelope, and gives them out in a congregation. There, during the service, they address these envelopes to people they know who are unsaved and then each Christian who has sent one or more of the booklets out sets out to pray earnestly for the salvation of the one to whom he has addressed the envelope. Then the stamped, addressed envelopes with the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" inside are taken to the post office and mailed at once.

Pastor, why don't you try this way of getting the booklet into the hands of lost loved ones of people in your congregation?

Congratulations, Fred Hawkins and wife Ammie. We rejoice in God's blessings on this Christian layman.

And they wanted to know when the new book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*, would be ready. We hope it will be delivered in October.

Southwestern States Hear Roberson, Hyles, and Rice at Phoenix Arizona, October 8-11

We look for a blessed attendance at the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, to be held at the Bible Chapel, 2925 West Polk, Phoenix, Arizona, from Sunday, October 8, through Wednesday, October 11. I will speak Sunday morning in a Phoenix church. Sunday afternoon at 3:00 I will speak at the opening service of the conference and Sunday night at 7:30. Dr. Lee Roberson will be with us to speak five times Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Jack Hyles will be with us Monday through Wednesday.

Already three or four missionaries in Mexico have written that they hope to attend our meeting in Phoenix. Pastors will come, no

doubt, from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado. We understand that beds will be provided for preachers from outside the Phoenix area. We had such a conference in September last year, and God gave such wonderful life-transforming blessings that the evangelical ministers of the city invited us to come back with the same speakers this year in October.

That City-Wide Tent Campaign in Phoenix, October 12-27

With joy and burden I look forward to the city-wide tent campaign in Phoenix. Some thirteen churches will be sponsoring the campaign October 12-27. The tent, 90 x 105 feet, should seat twelve or fourteen hundred, and seats can be provided outside for larger crowds, as I believe we will have. My heart is hungry for a great pouring out of God's blessings and the salvation of hundreds of souls. I beg you, pray for God's blessings on the revival campaign in Phoenix as we have seen so many times before the mighty moving of God's Spirit, and the wonderful salvation of drunkards, harlots, infidels, Catholics, Jews, and others who are counted hard to reach. So may God in mercy give us grace to see such sinners saved in Phoenix! I hope many will set out to pray every day for a great revival in Phoenix.

Pastors, Church Officers, Please Consider Putting The Sword of the Lord in the Church Budget

This nonprofit missionary enterprise deserves the support of God's people. The Sword of the Lord Foundation is incorporated under the laws of Illinois, chartered as a nonprofit organization and so recognized by the Federal Government. This editor does not own the Sword of the Lord, its buildings or equipment. He takes no salary from the Sword of the Lord Foundation, he cannot recover for himself or his family any of the assets and does not wish to do so. Every year we spend tens of thousands of dollars getting out the Gospel in ways that must be supported by spiritually-minded Christians anxious to obey the Lord and get out the Gospel. Will you prayerfully consider and suggest that your church put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in its budget for a regular monthly gift? A number of churches do.

For many years I did all I could to carry on the work from my offerings in revival campaigns. The work has grown far too heavy for that and my offerings in revivals are not nearly enough. We must have the help of spiritually-minded people in getting out the Gospel. We believe that any given amount of money used through our Sword Free Literature Fund around the world, or through our Ministers and Missionary Subscrip-

INCIDENTS

and Illustrations

By

Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

A Good Question

In Midland, Michigan, there is a daily newspaper called the *Midland Daily News*. Philip T. Rich is the editor and publisher. The managing editor is a fellow by the name of Norman C. Rumble and Gordon F. Phillips is the general manager. They apparently are good men who want to see their community enjoy the advantages brought about by high moral standards and who are not afraid to say so—let the chips fall where they may.

Once every year, at the fairground just outside the city of Midland, the Midland County Fair is presented. The usual exhibits, contests, entertainment, rides and

tion Gift Fund, or through the radio broadcast, will bring more results in souls saved and lives transformed than if spent in nearly any other way.

Today I have just answered a wonderful letter from a Catholic man saved through our broadcast and our workers. He has wonderfully grown in grace the last two or three months; he wants to be baptized, he is trying to win his Catholic friends to Christ in Chicago. Will you help us carry on this work by suggesting that your church put the Sword of the Lord Foundation in the budget for a regular amount each month?

SWORD Sunday: Pastors, Earn Free New Book on "Successful Personal Soul Winning" by Getting a Club of Ten Subscriptions

Pastors will want the editor's new book on *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*, over three hundred pages. I suggest that such pastors earn this new book by having a SWORD Sunday in your church. Write us for as many sample copies as you will use, and if you like, for subscription envelopes for the special club rate of \$2.00 a year. Then if you will send ten subscriptions at \$2.00 a year, your people will get the rock-bottom price, and you yourself can save on your subscription for as many years as you wish to advance it, and with each ten subscriptions for \$20, we will send one copy of the editor's new book on *Soul Winning*, a \$3.00 value.

Write us at once about how many sample copies of THE SWORD you wish. You will do your church great good, and you will earn this lovely gift of the new book. Write THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Will You Remember Us in Daily Prayer?

As I read Paul's thirteen or fourteen letters in the New Testament, I am greatly impressed with his prayer list. Again and again he was inspired to write that he remembered this church or that and this preacher or that "in every prayer of mine" or "always." Christians should thus "bear ye one another's burdens." I have the heavy burdens here at the Sword of the Lord. I have more calls than I can fill and I often speak three times a day. We have the "Voice of Revival" radio broadcast on some forty stations. There are more financial burdens, more responsibility, more labor than I am capable of caring for unless the dear Lord gives special anointing and help. I beg you, you who read THE SWORD, you who hear the broadcast, you who love us, will you set out to pray every day for this editor? Pray that I may be anointed with power, that I may speak with God's blessing everywhere I go, and that the Lord will wonderfully raise up friends for THE SWORD, will increase our circulation and that He will save multitudes of sinners through our many efforts.

Daily prayer for THE SWORD OF THE LORD is one great way you can help and I hope you will.

midway events are featured. The control of this annual event is in the hands of the Midland County Fair Board. Apparently the members of this Board are not as interested as the *Daily News* in the advantages that high moral standards can bring the Midland area. If a little smut and vulgarity can produce a fast buck, it is perfectly okay with them—let the chips fall where they may.

The 1961 edition of the Midland County Fair was held a little over a month ago. Someone in Midland sent me part of the August 19 issue of the *Daily News*. The editors, in a key editorial announced on the front page, asked a mighty pertinent question of the Fair Board, namely: "Why Lewd, Nude Shows at the Fair?"

The editorial read as follows: "Midland County Fair officials have long brushed off criticisms of so-called girlie shows."

"They have said such shows were necessary in order to attract other types of midway events. 'You have to take the whole package,' they say."

"And they also say such shows are well-controlled and within the law. 'The talk is big but really there's nothing to be alarmed at,' they say."

"It also has been said that such shows help to educate the farm boys!"

"All of this is, of course, poppycock and nonsense."

"One official said it is impossible for Fair people to keep tab on the shows. 'They spot us the moment we go in,' was the comment."

"This also is a farce. So is the barker's comment that nobody under 18 years old can go in. The only requirement for entrance is a one dollar bill. And the bills were rolling in fast Friday night."

"Most of the crowd inside the tents was composed of young boys who looked to be in their teens. 'If the Midland Daily News described the shows in detail, this issue could not be sent through the mail. The two shows were both lewd and nude, leaving absolutely nothing to the imagination.'"

"The responsibility rests with the Midland County Fair Board which never has been backward about asking for public funds via tax dollars from the county budget. Since the fairgrounds are outside of the Midland city limits, the next responsibility rests with the prosecutor and the sheriff's department."

"Prosecutor Edward Durand was on the fairgrounds Friday evening. For a dollar he could have witnessed utter disregard of Michigan law by three women. For two dollars, he could have seen six women."

"Two actions are necessary: 1. The two shows should be closed today—before the great 'final night' of the Fair; and 2. The Midland County Fair Board should publicly pledge that future Fairs will not have such shows."

"Unless these things are done, all public support of the Fair should be withdrawn and we should quit talking of how great the Fair is for building our youth and recognizing their accomplishments."

The NEWS was right, of course, and we take off our hats to them for their courage in stating the truth so bluntly and clearly. It is not popular to be against sin any more. If you want to 'belong' you had better go along with the crowd. And cowards and conformists today, as always, are much more plentiful than those with backbone and character.

God give us more editors—and ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ—who will speak out boldly against sin wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head.

"NINETY-NINE PER CENT OF THE FAILURES COME FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE HABIT OF MAKING EXCUSES." So said the man who was born a slave and traded for a race horse, the man who made marble from sawdust, found over 300 products from the lowly peanut, another 300 products from Alabama clay and over a hundred different products from the common sweet potato, Dr. George Washington Carver.

Strange Fish Story

George C. Shafer and two of

his buddies—John Franklin and Albert Hentchki—were having a wonderful time fishing from a rowboat in Great Egg Harbor at Somers Point, New Jersey. George caught a small black bass and gleefully whirled it around his head to show his friends. Something slipped and the fish landed in his mouth. Shafer gulped, swallowed, coughed, choked and collapsed with the tiny fish lodged securely in his throat.

Franklin and Hentchki rushed to his aid and while one rowed for shore, the other desperately sought to dislodge the fish—but without success. Shafer, who was only thirty years old, was dead from strangulation on arrival at the Shore Memorial Hospital.

Just a tiny little fish . . . but it killed him . . . suddenly and unexpectedly.

Beware of the seemingly insignificant! Especially is this true of sin. Satan is a master at convincing folk that certain things, because they are apparently so minor, are perfectly harmless. But just as one little fish slew George Shafer, so one little sin can damn a soul or ruin a life.

Heed Paul's admonition of I Thessalonians 5:22 by abstaining "from all appearance of evil."

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

Thru October 15:

Union Meeting
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Allen, Nebraska

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246 West Main Street
Zeeland, Michigan

"There Is a God!"

By Tina Blatz

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

Some months ago, while I was in Western Germany under the auspices of the European Evangelistic Crusade, I received word from behind the Iron Curtain as to what was going on in that part of the world—among the boys and girls in the public schools.

Daily the children behind the Iron Curtain are required to stand to their feet and denounce God. This order is for the purpose of stamping out any belief in an Eternal Being.

One day, in a certain school in East Germany, the teacher asked the children to rise to their feet and say, "There is no God." A little girl, eight years old, was conscious of the fact that there is a true God, and that her father and mother prayed and worshipped this God. She would not stand to her feet, neither would she denounce God. The teacher was very disturbed about this, and commanded the girl to go home and write, "There is no God," fifty times, and bring it back to him the next morning.

She went home and told her mother. The mother, for fear of the Communists, said nothing, but lifted her heart in prayer to God. The little girl sat down and wrote, "Es gibt DOCH einen Gott" ("There IS a God"). She took this to her teacher the next morning.

When she handed it to him, he flew into a rage. He told her to write five hundred times, "There is no God," or he would do "otherwise" to her. The child was unperturbed. She went home and told her parents. Her father told her not to worry—he would go along with her the next morning and see the superintendent of the school. The little girl had a good rest—never a worry or a care. She knew God would take care of her.

The next morning she and her father went to school together. They saw the superintendent and told him their plight. "Don't worry," he told them. "The teacher was killed in a motorcycle accident yesterday evening."

God honoured the little girl's faith and obedience to Him. Would to God that all of us would take such a stand for God, and would not be ashamed to own Him!

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Is He Called to Preach?

The Editor Answers a Young Man Who, After Two Years of Moderate Success, With a Good Many Open Doors and With Some Sinners Saved, Still Does Not Know for Sure Whether He Is Called to Preach.

September 19, 1961

Dear J.
I have gone over your letter carefully, and I feel sure that I can help you, that I have the answer from God for you.

You surrendered to preach; you wanted to preach and felt you were doing God's will, but you had no clear-cut feeling that you could tell others about, to show them that you were called to preach. You have had some people saved; you have had open doors; your loved ones and friends think that you are called to preach, but you have doubts and fears about it, feeling that you may not have had a genuine call to preach.

I can help you if you will take what the Word of God says on this matter instead of hearsay and the opinions of men.

All Christians Are Called to Preach

Nearly all that is said and current among Christian people on "the call to preach" is made up of men's opinions and experiences and not gotten from the Bible. The simple truth is that the word *preach* in the Bible is for everybody, not only for ordained pastors and evangelists. That is particularly true in the Great Commission as given in Mark 16:15. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" is part of the Great Commission, and the Great Commission is for every Christian. Note that the call to preach is not "to every church congregation" but "to every creature," that is, to individuals. Every person who carries the Gospel to one sinner is *preaching* in the sense of the Great Commission.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 and 20 shows that when the apostles would get one person saved, then they were to teach them to observe the same commands of the Great Commission, that is, to win souls and baptize them, then the new converts were to be taught again to carry out the Great Commission. So every Christian in that particular sense is called to preach.

Everything that is said in the Bible about workers for the Lord's cause indicates that God has a man-power shortage. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37, Luke 10:2, John 4:34-36). There is not a single indication in the Bible that anybody tried to preach the Gospel or tried to win souls when they ought not. No one is ever rebuked for trying to serve God with an honest heart.

One young preacher was ordained and an older preacher who was on the ordaining council said to him, "If you can keep from preaching, you ought not to preach." But that was from Satan and not from God. There is nothing like that in the Bible. You had as well tell people if they can keep from telling the truth, they ought not to tell the truth; or if they can keep from winning souls, they ought not to win a soul. That simply is not so. There is no warning in the Bible that some people ought not to teach, ought not to preach the Gospel, ought not to win souls, and ought not to try it.

It is true that James 3:1 says, "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation." That is, many should not set out to be theologians and authorities on abstruse doctrines because they will be held to stricter account. That has nothing to do with the call to preach. One can preach the simple Gospel, can teach Christians how to live right, can win souls, can help people every day without setting out to be a theological professor or an authority on difficult subjects on which fundamental Christians may not agree. That verse is a challenge to me as an editor setting out to lead thousands of preachers and keep them sound in doctrine. It does not affect me as a gospel preacher necessarily.

But nowhere in the Bible are people warned not to preach until they are sure of their call.

God Pleads for Volunteers

The great part of any so-called "call to preach" is to surrender by faith. The Lord says in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." God wants volunteers. We are to present our bodies to Him.

That is the way Isaiah got to be a prophet. He heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8). And it was on those two verses of Scripture that I myself came to the conclusion that God wanted me to preach.

I could hardly say that I "surrendered to preach" because I was already surrendered. I had been winning souls for a good long while. In fact, I had wanted to get people saved and wanted to preach the Gospel, but I did not know until one night in Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, when I was a college teacher taking graduate work in the University of Chicago, that God was asking people to volunteer. So that day I volunteered and asked the Lord to let me be used in preaching the Gospel.

Don't misunderstand me. My mother and father gave me to God to be a preacher when I was born. I feel that all the years He had been preparing my heart for preaching and Christian service. But it was a step of faith; I surrendered in the sense that I decided I would trust the Lord to use me, so gave up my other career to preach the Gospel. It was as simple as that.

In the Bible it is wonderful to see people starting out to preach and win souls without any reference to some particularly climatic emotional experience, without any particular, special revelation. So Deacon Stephen begins to preach and win multitudes. So Deacon Philip becomes a great evangelist.

Paul had something of a call, but it was a call to apostleship more than just preaching. And it came only when Paul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" The other apostles were called mainly to follow Jesus and learn from Him to be His disciples, and they grew into preaching, though they did not immediately begin to preach. Everywhere in the Bible the indication is that God is greatly pleased that anybody wants to tell others about the wonderful Saviour.

So I think we might properly say that every Christian ought to lay himself on the altar and ask God to help him win as many souls as possible. If he can only speak to one at a time, then let him do that. If he can get a class of ten or twenty and preach to them or teach them, he ought to do it. If he can be pastor of a church with a hundred or two hundred, or can be an evangelist and speak to crowds on the street, he should do it. If God so blesses him that he can spend full time at preaching and getting out the Gospel, then he ought to do it. The harvest is white, the laborers are few. Every Christian is called to win souls. And every Christian ought to go to the limit of his ability and as far as his faith will carry him, in getting out the Gospel.

Many Are Called to Preach But Have Not Paid God's Price for Power

One great mistake people make in talking about the "call to preach" is that they confuse the power of the Holy Spirit with the "call to preach." Many people are definitely sure that they were called of God to preach, but they never did wait on God to be endowed with power from on high, and so they have never had much power. Others have been once greatly used of God but now have grown cold and they do not wait on God for Holy Spirit power; they do not preach with boldness and in the power of God, so they

do not have much results. But in every case that I have known of, that trouble has been not in whether they were called to preach, but in whether they had waited on God for the power of the Holy Spirit and had laid everything on the altar for God to have His power and blessing.

Some Indications if God Wants You to Preach

For one thing, are doors open? If there is a place to preach, if there are hearts who will hear you, if some are helped and others are saved, then that itself is wonderful evidence. Anybody who can get somebody to preach to, ought to preach to them. Anybody who has an open door for soul winning ought to follow it. It would be foolish for a farm hand to look on a ripe field of wheat and let it go to waste because he did not feel definite leading or impression to go and gather the wheat which was on the ground for which he was accountable. If there is some open door for service, then enter the open door. If you can one way or another get somebody to hear you preach, then be sure you get something good for them and bless them and preach to them.

Another evidence of God's call is how your friends and other Christians feel on this matter. If they feel impressed that you have a burden such as a preacher ought to have, that you have a concern for God's Word and God's work; if they feel that God has given you gifts which could be used, then you should listen to them. They are going by one of the good evidences of the call of God. In my own case, many people knew that I was called to preach before I ever came to see it myself. They saw that I loved sinners, that I wanted to win souls, that I had a heart for God's business, and they were right in believing that God had put this heart in me and that God had given me some way into the hearts of other people. That was a part of God's equipment.

And the third concern ought to be in your own heart. Do you have a longing to see people saved? Do you want to help Christians with the Bible? Do you often have some joy in getting people saved and blessing Christians? Then I would wait on God for more power and have more blessing and realize that the field is white and that God is begging for reapers.

Let Us Earnestly Pray for God to Send Laborers—to Send Us

The Lord pleads with us, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38; Luke 10:2). Then why not pray that God will thrust you out into the harvest, pray for more power, pray for better understanding of God's Word, pray that God will open people's hearts as you preach?

The great difficulty with preachers who do not win souls is not that they have not been called; it is that they have not really answered in the sense of waiting on God for His power and being willing to pay the price required to save sinners and bless Christians. The trouble is not that we have people trying to preach who are not called to preach, but we have people trying to preach who are called to preach but who never did get ready in heart. They have not paid the price for the power of the Holy Spirit, do not have the boldness which preachers ought to have. And that can be changed if they mean business. Actually the laborers in God's harvest are really few and the need very great, and you should pray that God will send others and send you.

In conclusion, let me beg you, do not wait for some great emotion. It is wrong to depend on emotion to be sure of salvation. Just so it is wrong to depend on emotion to be sure of God's call. God wants sinners to trust the Lord and He is willing to save everyone who comes to Him. God pleads with workers to go into the vineyard and begs us to pray for them to be thrust in.



By Jessie Rice Sandberg
A column for Wives and Mothers

Fenced In!

How fast children grow!

It seems like such a very few months ago that our little Don was a mere baby, content with enjoying life from the confines of a playpen or high chair.

Now everything is different—Donnie can walk! He now regards the playpen as a restricting cage—something to be avoided whenever possible. The highchair, which could once be counted on as a safe lodging place for a baby, is now an exciting but dangerous piece of furniture apparently meant for climbing.

The lower kitchen cabinets, the garbage pail, the wastebaskets and the closets are, in Donnie's eyes, exhaustless treasure coves. What could be more fun than discovering a whole box of paper cups to be chewed, smashed, stacked or sat upon? Food somehow tastes better when salvaged from a garbage pail than it did one hour ago when served properly on a baby's plate! And of course every toddler knows that pots and pans make lots more noise than the rattles and musical toys in the toybox. No wonder babies don't like to be "fenced in"—there are just too many exciting things to try and taste in the big world beyond the bars of the playpen!

Aside from the fact that paper cups cost good money, that garbage is messy when scattered over the kitchen floor, and that the banging of pots and pans will eventually make any mother nervous, there are more important reasons why we do not let our little ones run about at will without any restriction or supervision. All of us know that even the safest homes hold countless dangers for inquisitive little hands and mouths. Of course we want our children to learn to take care of themselves and that naturally involves some experimentation, but we would never want the learning to be at the price of health or well-being.

Not all fences have bars made of wood or iron. Where possible, we move poisons and knives high beyond the reach of little hands. But sometimes dangerous objects can-

Then God wants you to volunteer, to present your body a living sacrifice. He wants you to say, "Lord, here am I, send me." And God does not turn down workers who are willing to suffer, willing to be poor, willing to wait on God for His power and to keep people out of Hell at any cost.

I hope I may hear from you soon.

In Jesus' name, yours,
John R. Rice

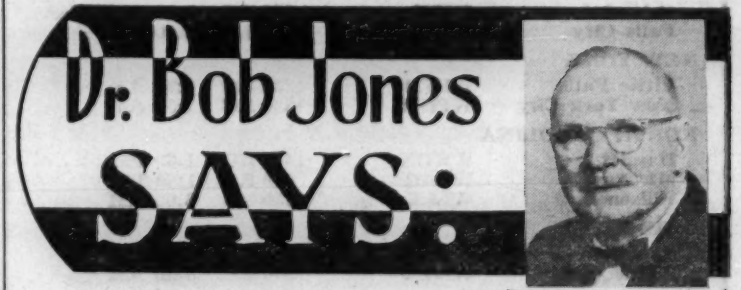
not or ought not to be moved. In such cases we give the stern command, "Don't touch!" and then, if that command is disobeyed, we enforce it with a spanking which leaves no doubt in a child's mind of the urgency of the command. In many cases good, consistent discipline is a more impenetrable safeguard than any high shelf or locked door.

Titus 2:14 says that Christ came "... that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Five times in the Old Testament God's people are called "a peculiar people." I just recently learned that a literal translation of that word "peculiar" in the Old Testament could be "surrounded," or "enclosed." In other words, we are an encircled people—we are fenced in! The Psalmist David gives the same idea in Psalm 4:3 when he says "... the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself." Then in Psalm 5:12 he adds, "For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

Not only are we restricted from the dangers and consequences of sin by His rebuke (and occasionally by His chastisement), but we are tenderly and lovingly encompassed by His mercy and care. We are set apart and protected just as surely as a careful and loving father would protect an especially beloved child.

What a wonderful thing—to be "fenced in" by the Lord!

Paul said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." This does not mean that Paul ever compromised principle or sacrificed truth in order to reach people. Paul was an educated man. He was a scholar. He knew Roman culture and the Roman mind; so when he was with a Roman, he used his training to make a contact. He also knew Greek culture and the Grecian mind, and he knew how to approach a Greek; and after he made the contact, figuratively speaking, he threw away his books and gave the people the Word of God. The Bible makes it plain that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save people. There never has been and never will be a substitute for the Gospel. There is inherent power in the Gospel message. As we often say, it is not the Gospel analyzed or philosophized about but the Gospel proclaimed that God wants. We have had the joy of preaching this Gospel for more than sixty years, and there is a strange power in the message that revolutionizes the lives of those who accept the message.—Bob Jones, Sr.



We had a letter recently from a ministerial graduate of Bob Jones University, and I quote one paragraph from this letter: "Looking back to my school years, it seems to me that the Christ-centered spirit of the school combined with the evangelistic emphasis of the extension program have proved to be the greatest blessings to me. I deeply appreciate the testimony and work of Bob Jones University."

If you Christian friends could just read the letters that come to our desk from former students, and if you could know the miraculous things God has wrought through Bob Jones University, you would understand how we just have to keep on keeping on. God

is with us. We want you Christian people during this school year to pray for us as you have never prayed before. We want you to invest some of the Lord's money in the work here. We feel on the basis of the blessing of God on the school and on the basis of the widespread, uncompromising, orthodox, cultural, Christian influence of the school, you ought to help us bear some of the burden; so please let us hear from you. Remember, too, to keep praying for us. Thank you, and God bless you.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM RENOUNCED, by D. M. Canright. This is a reprint of the most important factual and convincing book on Seventh-Day Adventism, by a man who had been a well recognized leader in the movement. The book is complete and unanswerable. No outsider would know as well the influence, the mistakes, and the selfish leader-

ship of Mrs. Ellen White, the development of the false doctrines among Seventh-Day Adventism and their scriptural answer as this man who was himself a leader in the movement, became convinced that it was a false cult and had to leave it. He has been greatly slandered. The book is a "must" for anyone who would deal with the problem of the heresies of Seventh-Day Adventism. There are 418 pages, clothbound, price \$3.50, Baker Book House.

THE MINISTER'S MISSION, A Practical Handbook for Preachers and Prospective Preachers, by Dr. C. E. Colton. Dr. Colton is a Southern Baptist, conscientious, a Bible believer with a good sound conception of the call and work of the ministry. This is a survey of ministerial responsibility and relationship. We believe it is well done and generally helpful. There are many references to good authorities like W. B. Riley, Dr. Jeff D. Ray (my old teacher in South-

western Seminary, Fort Worth), Jowett, Phelps and others. A weakness in the book is that he has no awareness of modernism. He recommends books by Reinhold Niebuhr, J. S. Bonnell, Joseph Fort Newton, Edwin T. Dahlberg, A. W. Bevin, and the former Federal Council of Churches. He believes that a minister should go to denominational schools, etc. For the reader who is warned about this blind spot, the book will be helpful. It has a typical Southern Baptist viewpoint, which on the issues involved are generally good. It does not have the out-and-out fundamentalist, defender-of-the-faith viewpoint which we think essential for a preacher. 233 pages, price \$2.50, Zondervan Publishing House.

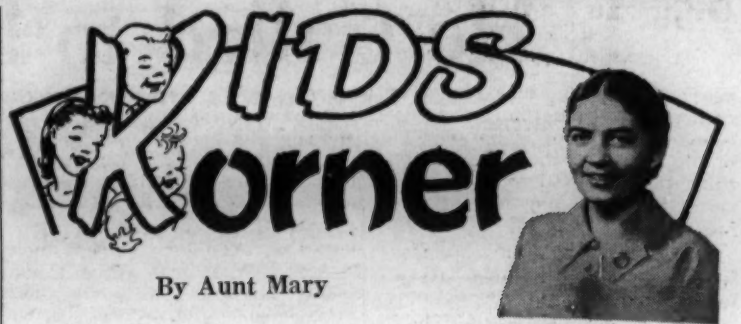
LIVING FAITHFULLY, A Devotional Study of the Second Epistle of Peter, by Dr. J. Allen Blair, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. This is a devotional commentary which means somewhat topical preaching on texts throughout II Peter. It is generally true to the Bible. There are many good illustrations. We believe the artificial arrangement of twenty-one alliterative chapter titles, and the arbitrary term "Living Faithfully" are typical of the devotional and topical approach rather than explicit exposition. The book is helpful as preaching; is by a firm Bible-believer and is commended. 256 pages, price \$3.00, Loizeaux Brothers.

THE SOON COMING OF OUR LORD, by Dale Crowley, Washington's Radio Minister, and dear friend of the editor. There are twenty-two chapters including the closing chapter addressed to the unsaved, "Prepare to Meet Thy God." The book is premillennial, fundamental and generally sound teaching on the wonderful truth of the second coming of Christ. It is readable and helpful. One serious mistake is indicated by the title. The author believes that "soon." He thinks that the little nation Israel established in 1948 is the "budding of the fig tree of prophecy," missing the point, we think, of the scriptural statement in Matthew 24:25-33, that that will occur "immediately after the tribulation." But the book is rich in Bible teaching and preaching on the Second Coming, and despite the reference to so-called "signs" that Christ must come at some time very soon, it is a good book and helpful and recommended. Price \$2.50, Loizeaux Brothers.

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GOD'S REMEDY, an exposition of Romans 3:2-4:1-25, Volume III, and **GOD'S FREEDOM**, an exposition of Romans 6:1-7:25, Volume VI, of the series by late Donald Grey Barnhouse. The brilliant mind of our deceased hyper-Calvinist brother and his great scholarship led him to present an outstanding discussion of the doctrines of grace. Unfortunately, also his anti-evangelistic trend and his covenant theology lead him wrong in several places in these books. He says, "We are to proclaim the truth in every place and to all men, without thought of its effect . . . It is not my business to convert men . . ." That (Continued on page 6)



By Aunt Mary

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Br! It is getting cold and we aren't quite ready for cold weather at our house. How spoiled we have become by the special things we have. Of course we consider ourselves fairly poor because we don't have new cars or fancy clothes or have steaks and strawberries often. But many things we don't even think to be thankful for are very special. Late last spring the motor that blows hot air from our furnace in this old house just quit working. The kind Christian man who fixes things for us came by, said the motor would have to be replaced, and that he would take care of it when business was a little slower. Of course it didn't keep the house from being warm, but we miss the constant stream of warm air we have grown to expect.

Now I am sure the repairman meant to replace that motor before now, but the summer has been busy, and so our furnace is working now on "gravity-feed." (That just means that hot air rises, so from the basement furnace the warm air goes into the dining room and bedrooms and spreads to other rooms.) But some rooms are colder than others, and we don't feel the comfort of warm air blowing through the house.

I guess Aunt Mary is just a sissy! Because I am not fat, perhaps I get cold easier than people who do have a little extra body fat. That layer of fat is like a blanket around you, helps to keep you warmer than we thinner people feel. But then in really hot weather, we find it easier to be comfortable than if we were wearing that "blanket" all the time. So this morning, though the thermometer says it is about seventy degrees, and I should feel quite warm, I huddle in a sweater, and work with a coat thrown about my shoulders. Silly! Since Uncle Chuck was away last night I was alone in bed and quite cold. I got up, put another layer of blanket on the bed and huddled in a ball to get warm. But this morning I remembered the rare comfort of something hot at my feet on a cool night.

I remember, when I was very young, coming in late at night from a revival service. The house was cold—we never let the little gas stoves burn while we were away. Daddy lit the biggest stove, and we all crowded around it to warm up while Daddy and Mother brought in red bricks from outdoors to warm on the little stove. When the room was nearly warm enough to dress in comfort, we rushed into pajamas and waited while the hot bricks were wrapped in rags, and tucked into the bottom of the beds to warm chilly feet. Ah! I think that felt better than the comforting blast of warm air from the furnace today.

Do you think to thank the Lord for the little things—hot bricks at your feet, or warm air blown into your bedroom? Recently when Uncle Chuck was away from home and I was finding it difficult to sleep, I was really discouraged. Then I began to quote a favorite Psalm of thankfulness, Psalm 103, "Bless the Lord . . . and forget not all his benefits"—and then it lists forgiving sins, good food, taking care of our lives. (Little children would often be killed except for the mercy of the Lord when they do foolish things.) The Psalm goes on to remind us of God's healing of our diseases and crowning us with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Now when I quote this Psalm, I hope I can remember to thank the Lord for the tender mercies of a good furnace in our old home, even windows that let in the sunshine but keep out the cold. If we didn't live in America, we would appreciate these gifts more.

Read Psalm 103, and then apply to your life the special things you should thank Him for: warmth,

crisp fall apples and pears, new jeans and checkered shirts or gingham dresses for school, getting well from the flu. Think of these things as you learn Psalm 103, and do finish the memorizing by Thanksgiving Day.

Welcome to our new members, Terry and Michael Roan in Mesquite, Texas. These boys, ten and eleven, have heard Dr. Rice preach often. A real welcome too to eight-year-old Sharon Rhodes in Sedalia, Missouri. Happy Birthday, Sharon! We appreciated the nice letter from Steffi Adams who is almost eight and lives in Towanda, Illinois. Adult Sword-Bearer Members are also always welcome and we greet F. E. Colow from Brooklyn, New York, and Eddie Alfred of India. May the Lord bless you each one as you read at least a chapter a day of God's Word and try to serve Him.

Lovingly,
Aunt Mary

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By Editor John R. Rice

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Biggest Problem...

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pease their god. Their sin drives them to do something about it. They know nothing of the teaching of the Bible. So they will do anything they are told to try and get rid of the indwelling fear of judgment for sin.

Protestants by the hundreds join modernistic and liberal-minded churches at Easter time, receive a package of envelopes and make regular contributions to their church, even though they have never been converted. Why do this? They are trying to quiet the voice of conscience that tells them about their sin and its consequent judgment.

Sin is an internal subject. The Psalmist said, "In sin and iniquity did my mother conceive me." None are free from it. None can get away from it. It hounds them day and night. It grates upon their conscience in the dark and condemns in the light. The universe of mankind is under the control and mastery of sin. "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin" (Rom. 3:9).

Sin is both personal and external. It is national and international, racial and world-wide.

The views of men are different about the matter of sin. Some think it is not sin for the government to have liquor stores sell liquor that make men and women drunk and in turn wreck lives and homes, and is the cause of so much poverty and debauchery. Some think that gambling is not sin. One of the outstanding sins of Great Britain is gambling. Homes are kept in poverty and children suffer because of this vice. It is becoming a great national evil in our own land of America.

Some think capital punishment is sinful and that we should be kind to sex-mongrels and child-rapists, and that murderers should be well fed, well-clothed and well-housed in our modern jails by the public's tax money.

Some feel that the Lord's Day can be used as a day of pleasure and business which will not incur divine displeasure even though real worship is set to one side.

Is there not a word of authority of what sin really is? Is there a book that I can trust that will tell me about sin? Yes, there is. Where is that book?—I need it. I want it. I must have it. Why? Because of my sin. Well, friend, you have it, if you have a Bible. The Bible is the best book there is on sin. It is the only authoritative book there is on sin. It talks about sin and all of its ramifications. What the Bible says about sin is corroborated by human experience. The Bible will tell you about your sin; about the vileness of it, the foulness of it, the bitter experience it will cause in your life unless you get rid of its power and penalty. If you want to know what

is right and what is wrong, you must turn to the authoritative standard—the Bible. Unless you do, you cannot know about your sin.

Your sin has been so glossed over by the deceitful view of sin held by the public and the unscriptural view of sin presented by liberal preachers. This generation needs to have the Bible view of sin lash their consciences until in horror of a coming judgment they cry out, "What must I do to be saved?" No heart will feel its need of the cleansing of Calvary's blood until the thunderclaps of Sinai's broken law has produced personal guilt and the realization of a coming judgment.

This Disease of Sin: All Have It!

The disease of sin is one of the great subjects of the Bible. Hear the Apostle John, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." The word "transgression" means "the violation of a known command." The wrath of God rests upon the transgressor. Sin caused the first murder in the Garden of Eden. It has been the cause of every murder since. Sin produced a spiritual black-out in every man's life since the days of Adam. Adam's sinful blood stream flows in the veins of every child born since Adam's day. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners . . ." (Rom. 5:19).

It was sin that brought the judgment of God down upon the world in the days of the patriarch Noah. Sin was so rampant and there seemed to be no restraint, no curbing of its power. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). God saw evil without exception—every imagination of man's heart was "evil." God saw evil without mixture—it says that his heart was "only evil." And God saw evil without intermission—for man's heart was only evil "continually."

Sin nailed Jesus Christ to the cross. In doing so, sin was trying to get rid of God. But God cannot be pushed to one side. Sin has been in the saddle ever since that day when with guilty hands they nailed Christ to the tree.

Not only does the Bible give to us the fullest description of sin, but as we look around us we see the world is the field of sin. Where can you look and not see sin? We find it in social life, in political life, family life, in religious life, and educational life.

These are general statements, and cover wide areas of mankind. But sin is also in the individual life. Sin is in your life and mine. In every life you see the folly of sin. Sin is a killing disease. "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Sin separates a man from God, and leaves him helpless as far as victory is concerned in this life; and hopeless as far as Heaven is concerned in the life to come. In the blood stream of mankind is the flow of sin.

We have the disease on the inside. It manifests itself in every form of wickedness such as murder, adultery, fornication, theft, evil speaking, deceitfulness, lying, blasphemy and all other forms of evil. Every man, when he is alone and honest with his own heart, knows that he is the victim of the disease of sin. Not only does man find himself the subject of the disease of sin, but he has a evil bent towards sin.

The Desire for Sin: In Every Unconverted Heart

The desire for sin is inherent in the heart of every sinner out of Christ, a moral bent that leads away from God and pulls him into sin. This is why a man should flee to Christ and find in Him a new power to enable him to overcome sin. Let none be fooled—sin is a pleasing thing. It tastes good. It satisfies to the full. The pleasures of sin are inviting. Moses "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season . . . for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward" (Heb. 11:25, 26).

Sin pleases the flesh. Liquor quickens all the nerve centers in a man's being before it slays him. Adultery pleases the flesh, but after all this has taken place, be

assured that the pleasures of sin are limited. They are just "for a season." They pass so quickly. Sin never produces lasting joy. It never gives permanent peace. It smites the conscience. It breaks the heart. It blights the mind. It ruins the body and, if persisted in, will damn the soul. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Rest assured that there is a punishment that goes along with the harboring of a desire for sin. What is it? The judgment for sin is—more sin. It is a "going from bad to worse." "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13). Sin has power to communicate itself and to make progress.

In national circles, in certain states, the public voted down the controlling power of "Blue Laws." They wanted open Sundays, and they got them. Then they wanted horse-racing and gambling, and they got what they wanted.

Mankind wanted a religion without God. We are getting it in modernism and communism. We wanted salvation without conversion, and we have it in the majority of our churches. We want a Heaven preached to us, and the thought of Hell kept silent. That is just what we have, and the result is an increase in the activity of sin.

Again let me say, the judgment for sin is more sin. Man, be careful what you do. One sin leads to another, and it always goes from bad to worse. Examine your heart. Have you a desire for sin? If you have—the giant of "sin" is waiting to lead you on into more sin and worse sin. Flee to Christ before you are overcome.

The Deadening Effect of Sin

Sin creeps over us like paralysis. A little peculiar feeling at first, then just a little pain, and soon we find we have something that is malignant. It has gripped us. At first there is no deep sense of sin, no shame when we sin. That has all been rubbed off by the first practices of evil and wrong. Conscience has been silenced. It ceases to witness. It does not rise in the soul to testify that what is being done is evil, foul, wrong, unclean—is sin.

This is followed by no discernment concerning the matter of sin. Sinners live in the atmosphere of—the dawn. It is neither dark nor light. Morally, everything is gray. Nothing is extremely bad; neither is there anything wholly good. This affects the human race in the realm of spiritual things, until today we have a Christianity without Christ; a Heaven and no Hell; a world of sin and vice with no judgment awaiting us; a conscience without exercise. Behind all of this, we find mankind is in such a stupor that he has no desire to discern between right and wrong. He has lost the power of discernment.

There has been preached in liberal circles a cheap brand of Christianity (yes, in some fundamental circles and among the so-called orthodox) that has no personal sacrifice, no forsaking of every form of sin, no powerful public testimony to the saving work of Christ, no cross-bearing, and no holy enthusiasm that leads to soul winning.

We have preached salvation is "free" so long and so loud that Christians have lowered the cost. Sin deadens the senses of a man until he feels no sense of right and wrong toward God. This is a sad condition. His understanding has been darkened. He goes on in his blind condition to meet God and the final judgment for sin. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." From this deadening power of sin man can be delivered. "There is life for a look at the Crucified One."

I spoke to a man the other day about his lost condition before

God, about his state in sin, about eternity, and the consequences of rejecting Jesus Christ. I talked to him about the power and the mastery of sin, and just where sin would lead him—to eternal torment. I warned him unless he would repent he would perish. He looked at me with sort of a blank stare, with no feeling whatsoever, and said quietly, "I don't feel I'm so bad."

This is an illustration of the deadening effect of sin. Dead people have no feelings. This is a sure sign that the overruling power of sin has slain its victim.

Thank God, His word is quick and powerful! It can give Life. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:23). Those who are dead in trespasses and sins can be made alive. Paul said, "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1).

The Despair of Sin

Sin leads to the despairing of life itself. Here is a person who is defeated in the moral battle with right and wrong. He has no joy in his soul, no peace in his heart, no contentment whatsoever in life's environment. His life is one lonely path of drudgery. He has no principle that governs his life, nothing to guide him in the path of godliness. He has no purpose in life. It is a lonely affair. That is just the place where sin has led thousands of deluded souls.

Is that where he has led you, my reader? Many are the defeated souls who are lonely and sad. But here is a person who despairs of life, defeated and brokenhearted; he feels that there is nothing in life worthwhile. He writes a note to a sweetheart, wife or some relative, takes a revolver and blows out his brains. Or, another may look out a twenty-story window, step out in the ledge, and end it all. Or someone else walks to Suicide Bridge in order to end it all. I want you to see that all of this is the result of sin. Sin leads to the despairing of life.

Here is another person—dis-

appointed, who had high expectations in life. Circumstances changed, and his castle fell to the ground. The future looks dark, he turns melancholy, and in his hours absence from work and sleep, he just walks and walks and walks—it's a lonely walk. That's where sin has taken thousands. Is that where it has taken you?

Thank God, such people need not be defeated, neither despair of life, and they certainly need not be disappointed. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). This is the sure hope of every man—no need to "end it all." In fact, that doesn't end it all.

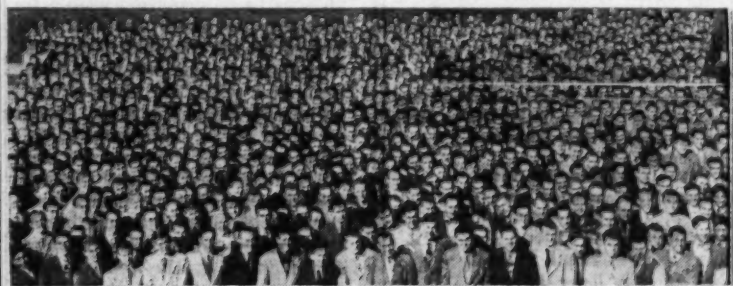
Death here is not the end of a man. The Bible teaches a "resurrection." Then what? "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). The resurrection is certain. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29). Man out of Christ, not saved, who dies in his sins will be raised for judgment by the Son. "For the Father judgeth no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22).

That judgment on the other side of the grave can be averted. How? By repenting and turning to Christ. Hear the stern words of the Son of God, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

The Disaster Sin Brings

Look down the road that lies behind us and see the power and process of sin. It brings disaster to the nation. What ruined Greece—was it not her sin? What ruined Rome; what ruined Israel and spread them over the world, and caused them to lose their land? Was it not sin? If sin had ruined

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Dr. Fred Garland, chairman of the committee of fifteen of *The International Fellowship of Fundamentalists*, announces that Dr. Bill Beeny, a member of the committee of fifteen, has resigned and Dr. John Hunter of Royal Oaks, Michigan, has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Dr. John Hunter also has been chosen to fly to the island of Kingston, Jamaica the week of September 28th for a campaign under the sponsorship of the I.F.F. Dr. Lewis Arnold, a member of the steering committee of I.F.F., returns to the States the week of September 18th from West Berlin after a three-week tour of Europe where he represented the I.F.F. in speaking to the refugees from East Berlin who defected from behind the Iron Curtain. Rev. Alfred Barbee takes up his work as a field man for I.F.F. beginning October 9th, heading for one-night rallies in the East and North. He will continue as pastor of Maroa Bible Church and President of Decatur Bible Institute in Decatur, Illinois. A two-day regional meeting of the I.F.F. will be held at the Six Points Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 9, 10. Speakers will include, Dr. Lewis Arnold, Dr. Ford Porter, Dr. G. Elmo Renegar, Dr. Fred Garland, Dr. John Hunter and Rev. Alfred Barbee. Free rooms in the homes of the host church will be provided for out of town guests. Rev. Roland C. Smith is pastor.

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Can A Young Man Trust His Bible

I once had a conversation with a group of young men on the subject of the inspiration of the Bible. Most of them opposed me. I reminded them of the numerous prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the Messiah, which were literally fulfilled in Christ. One of them was sharp enough to see the force of this argument. He admitted that these prophecies undoubtedly had been written hundreds of years before Christ was born and that He had fulfilled them in every detail.

This young man, however, endeavored to parry its force by advancing actions in accordance with the Messianic program in order to establish His religion, so that there was, after all, nothing very wonderful in the fact that these prophecies were fulfilled.

This sounded very neat and ingenious, but I asked my friend to explain to us how Christ, in accordance with this theory, was able to arrange to be born in the very village — one of the smallest in Judaea — where the prophet Micah foretold that the Eternal One should be born on earth. I asked him what precautions He had taken, if a man as we are, to ensure being born at the very time and in the very family that the Scriptures had forecast.

My friend was not inclined to surrender his position without a struggle, so he contended that Jesus, seeing that He happened to be born in this particular village, at this particular time, and in this particular family, had been seized with the idea of carrying out the remaining details requisite to establish His Messianic claims.

My reply, in substance, was as follows:

Well and good. In accordance with this you will now perhaps tell us why Jesus was allowed to make arrangements for two thieves to be crucified with Him in order to fulfil Isaiah's prediction in his fifty-third chapter. You must tell us whether Judas arranged with the chief priests to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver merely in order to fulfil the word of the prophet; and, after Judas had hanged himself, who it was that arranged for a potter's field to be bought with the money which the betrayer flung down in the temple; and whether it was done in order to fulfil the prophecy to that effect!

You will also doubtless show us how, while hanging on the Cross, Jesus persuaded the four Roman soldiers who crucified Him to divide His outer garments into four parts and to cast lots for His inner robe, as the twenty-second Psalm had accurately described! You will also need to explain whether His enemies gave Him vinegar to drink in His agony of thirst in order to fulfil the sixty-ninth Psalm. If your theory is to hold good, you must explain to us how it was that, after Jesus was dead, the soldiers decided not to break His legs, as they did to the two thieves by His side.

Did they desire to make Him fulfil the type of the Passover lamb in the twelfth chapter of Exodus and the ninth of Numbers, or the reference in the thirty-fourth Psalm? Did they act as accomplices with Jesus in thrusting a spear into His side, because Zechariah had said in the name of Messiah: "They shall look upon Me whom they pierced?" How did Jesus arrange that all these details should be fulfilled in Himself?

My friend had nothing more to say.

—Arthur Gook

Book Reviews

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is a far cry from the command of Jesus, "Compel them to come in" and of the Bible statement about Paul and Barnabas that they so preached "and the multitude of them . . . believed." Again, he says, "I am now sure that I was saved long before I knew it, and that what I used to call the date of my salvation was actually that date on which I became assured of eternal life." Dr. Barnhouse's Presbyterian theology caused him trouble on Romans 6:3-5. He says frankly that the word "baptized" is "to plunge," "to dip," "to immerse." But he says the baptism in Romans 6:3 is baptism of the Spirit. And he finds it very difficult, he says, to define and explain the preposition in or into, missing the point of the little Greek *eis*, an indefinite preposition of reference.

Because one could hardly read these scholarly books without being impressed and misled, we cannot recommend them. There are 387 pages, \$3.50 and \$4.50. Eerdmans.

THE INEXTINGUISHABLE BLAZE, *Spiritual Renewal and Advance in the 18th Century*, by A. Skevington Wood. This is Volume VI of a series on *The Advance of Christianity Through the Centuries*, edited by F. F. Bruce. The author is an English Methodist. Here is the story of the 18th Century revivals and reformation among Protestants. The story of Daniel Rowland and Howell Harris in Wales, Jonathan Edwards in New England, Whitefield in England and Scotland, the two Wesleys. Here is an account of the Moravian revival, an account of the moral rot in England and America before that big general awakening which saved England from the French Revolution. Here is an extended bibliography, three big pages, an extended index of names and subjects. The book has 256 large pages, price \$3.75, published in America by Eerdmans, in England by the Paternoster Press.

THE QUEST OF THE HISTORICAL JESUS, by Albert Schweitzer, a paper back reprint of the rationalist book which made the unbeliever Schweitzer famous. Why Billy Graham and others ever call Albert Schweitzer a Christian is beyond comprehension of any Bible believer who reads this translation from the German of the most important book written by Schweitzer. It is a study of how to find the truth about Jesus, not accepting the Bible as true nor Christ as deity.

The book is of interest only to scholars; it is not good reading, it has no meat nor help for Christians. We do not recommend it.

Biggest Problem...

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nations in the past, and sin repeats itself—where are we heading for in America? Nowhere but ruin. May God send us a Holy Ghost revival that will save us from it.

Sin brings disaster to the mind. Think of the hundreds of thousands who are mentally ill. The up-and-outs go to the psychiatrists while the down-and-outs go to the rescue missions, the state hospitals and to the homes for the incurables. Both their minds are gone. Sin brings disaster to the mind.

But it also brings disaster to the body. Why is it that hundreds of thousands walk our streets with venereal diseases? Unless a proper remedy is provided and applied, they too will find themselves in a state institution for the feeble-minded. You can't play with fire and not get burned.

Sin brings disaster to the character of a man or woman. Moral leprosy has segregated from a good social standing many who otherwise would hold a high place in life. Our rescue missions are filled with men and women whose families want nothing to do with them. Sin has driven them to live among the outcasts of society.

Yes, sin will bring disaster to a man's service for his fellowman. No business firm wants you to work for them if you steal. No one wants to employ a man who is controlled by the drink habit. A liar, if he finds a position, will not hold it long. Permanent positions are filled with honest men. Who wants to hire a man who is lazy and is a cheat? Sin brings disaster to the whole life of service for God and man.

And what can be said about sin and the disaster it has brought

Pedley, a well-known natural simpleton, was wont to say: "God help the fool." None are more ready to pity the folly of others than those who have a small share of wit themselves. "There is no love among Christians," cries the man, who is himself destitute of true charity. "Zeal has vanished," exclaims the idle talker. "Oh, for more consistency," groans the hypocrite. "We want more vital godliness," protests the false pretender. As in the fable the wolf preached against sheep-stealing, so very many hunt down those sins in others which they shelter in themselves.—Spurgeon

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SELECTIONS FROM EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS, by H. M. Gwatkin. "First published in 1893 and acclaimed through many editions, this unusual compilation of early Christian writings provides for each new generation an amazing link with the past . . . a meaningful survey for every era." It contains material from early church history and thought from the close of the New Testament period to the time of Constantine. Each page in English is faced with the document in its original Latin or Greek. The book is useful for reference. There are 196 pages, the price \$3.00, published in America by Revell.

THIS FAITH WE LIVE BY, *Practical Insights Into the Real Meaning of Christian Living*, by James H. Jauncey. The book comes very highly recommended by good men whom we love and admire. There are many good things in it. However, it seems indefinite on the plan of salvation; it decides many things on a physiological basis instead of the clear Word of God. For example, divorce: "Some marriages are dead so they should be dissolved." The author, although a very great scholar, is undiscerning and he thinks Albert Schweitzer and Norman Vincent Peale are good examples of Christians. We are sorry that the publishers sought the opinion of liberal Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Church, Los Angeles, in selling the book and we like the book less because it satisfies him. 157 pages, price \$2.50, Zondervan.

to the whole life of America. Every broken home is caused by sin. Every family row started by sin. It is a disaster caused by sin when children see one of their parents carry their personal belongings out of the house because they have gotten a divorce. God bless the poor children who have to witness such a disaster in the home of their parents. Is there not a remedy for all this? Thank God, there is. What can break the power of sin in a person's life? Christ, and Christ alone.

The Damnation of Sin

But notice now the final function of sin. This is what sin wants to do. This is what sin waits to do. This is what sin is working to do. "Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." This is THE DAMNATION OF THE SOUL which is caused by sin. You think you don't have a soul. The Bible teaches us much about the soul. It speaks about the soul "that sinneth." It says, "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Jesus tells us that we can "find rest unto your souls." You have a soul—you had better believe it. The value of it—no man can estimate. Jesus told us that one soul is worth more than the whole world. Your soul has real value before God. That is why the Devil is hard after every sinner. Your soul can suffer eternal torment in Hell. Jesus Christ died to save us from such a bitter end. No soul needs to be lost in Hell. Paul committed the keeping of his soul to the Son of God. James speaks about "saving a soul from death." A man can have "an anchor of the soul" (Heb. 6:19).

No person need come down to the end of life with a soul that is "exceeding sorrowful." There is a deliverance for the soul of a man who is enslaved by sin. It was our Lord Jesus Christ, "Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world." No man needs to continue in sin. No man needs to practice sin. No man needs to live under the authority and dominion of sin.

But if a man lives in his sins, he will die in his sins. There is in Christ a remedy for sin. That remedy is in His atoning Blood. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

I will never cease to thank God for that Sunday morning, May 17, 1917, in a bedroom on a farm on the north shore of Lake Ontario when as a young man burdened with sin, in bondage to sin, and enslaved by sin, I turned to Jesus Christ. I confessed my sin; I accepted the Saviour, and the burden of my sin rolled off, and I anchored my soul. "My haven of rest is my Lord."

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Only Begotten Son

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as the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." The expression "only begotten" is clearly, as I trust we all understand, a title of deity.

In the opening verse of the chapter we read, "In the beginning was the Word." When everything that ever had beginning began—the Word was. Not "the Word became" but the Word was. "In the beginning was the Word"—there you have eternity of being; "and the Word was with God"—there you have personality; "and the Word was God"—there you have true deity; "the same was in the beginning with God"—eternal sonship; "all things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made"—there you have the creatorial power. And this is the One who became flesh and tabernacled among us! It is the Eternal Word who clothes Himself with our humanity, but humanity untainted by sin, therefore absolutely holy, and so walked before men that they could see the glory of the Only Begotten shining through the veil of His flesh.

And here let me say that the expression, "became flesh," does not merely mean that Deity was clothed with a human body, that the Logos took the place in that body which man's spirit takes in his body. This is not the mystery of godliness as displayed in the incarnation. The clear, unmistakable teaching of Scripture is that our Lord had a true human spirit and a true human soul as well as a real human body. Yet He never ceased to be God. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." The Mystery of Piety has been manifested in flesh. He was as truly God as if He had never become man; and as truly man as if He had not been God, yet He was both God and Man in one undivided and indivisible person.

God Manifested

In the same chapter, in verse 18, he says, "No man hath seen God at any time." That is, no man has seen deity at any time; deity as such is necessarily invisible to created eyes. No man has seen deity at any time. The only begotten Son subsisting (the word suggests where He always was and where He always will be—no beginning to this relationship and no ending), the only begotten Son, subsisting in the bosom of the Father, He hath told Him out.

Some people have a difficulty with the expression, "No man hath seen God at any time," because in the Old Testament we have several instances where people are said to have looked upon God, or to have seen His glory. Moses is said to have talked with Him face to face and to have beheld His back parts. Others had visions of God. But these were all theophanies—appearances of God. No one ever saw the Invisible God till Christ made Him manifest.

I find that Scripture uses expressions very similar to ours. Take the sun, for instance. You and I have never seen the sun. You may say, thoughtlessly, "Why, the sun is one of the first objects we have beheld." No, you have never seen the sun. You have seen the envelope of glory that surrounds the sun, but these eyes of ours cannot pierce that glory and see the invisible sun behind it. So man has seen various manifestations of the glory of God, but not until Jesus came into the world did anyone ever really see God. But in Christ we have God fully manifest, so that one can say, "Do you want to know what God is like? He is exactly like Jesus."

Meeting God

I remember saying to a young man at the close of a meeting, "Friend, are you ready to meet God?"

"No, no, I am not ready for that," he said.

"Then," I asked, "are you ready to meet Christ?" I meant, was he ready to decide for the Lord Jesus Christ, but he took a very different meaning.

"Oh, well," he said, "that would not be so bad, would it? He loved us, didn't He?"

He was not ready to meet God, but it would not be so bad to meet

Christ! But, my friends, the love of Christ is the love of God, as the next passage shows us, the one we all know so well—John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It was the love in the heart of God that gave Christ.

Jesus did not die to enable God to love sinners. Jesus came to die because God loved sinners. Get acquainted with Christ, and when you meet God in Heaven you will not have to learn Him for the first time.

There no stranger—God shall meet thee,
Stranger thou in courts above,
But He who to His rest shall greet thee,
Greets thee with a well-known love.

God's Unique Son

Now observe this expression, "His only begotten Son." Do not connect this term with any thought of generation. It is not that Jesus is the only begotten Son in the sense of being the first son that God begat, but that He is the only begotten Son in the sense of being God's unique Son—His Son in a different way to what any one else will ever be. All believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, and yet He alone, as to His essential deity, is the only begotten Son.

In the very first verse of our Bible we read: "In the beginning, God"—God, Elohim, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, created the heavens and the earth. Do get this clear: Our Lord Jesus Christ was God the Son before He ever became the Son of God. He was one Person of the eternal Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost; and God the Son stooped in grace to be born of a virgin and to become the Son of God as a man coming into this world. That is a tremendously important distinction. The Angel said to Mary, "That holy one who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." That is what He became—son of God as man because He had no human Father.

They tell me that is unbelievable and involves a "biological miracle" which the wise of this world cannot accept. No other man was ever virgin-born so it is against all human experience to believe that He was. But no other Christ was ever born in any manner whatsoever. He stands alone, the unique Man of the Ages; God the Son who thus became the Son of God!

Then observe the eighteenth verse of the third of John: "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Salvation, freedom from condemnation, is linked up for you and me with faith in the eternal Son who came into the world for our salvation. Do you trust in Him? If so, "There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Do you still reject Him? Then you are "condemned already," and that, not merely because of the many sins you have committed, but because you have spurned the only begotten Son who became man and died upon the cross for your salvation.

Just one other passage using that term: I John 4:9: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him." People like to think that God is love, and that because of this He may lightly pass over their sins, but the love of God provided the atonement. Now the truth that I want you to observe is this: God the Father sent His only begotten Son into the world. He did not become the only begotten when He was born in the world. He was with God in the glory from all eternity. These five passages, then, have to do with His deity.

Image of the Invisible God

Now the five Scriptures that speak of Him as the first born or as the first begotten. Turn to the first chapter of Colossians. Here we have the double headship of our Lord Jesus Christ, the headship which is His because He is Creator and that which became His when He arose from the dead. Colossians 1:15: "Who [that is the Son of God] is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation." The Son was just as

truly the invisible God before the incarnation, as the Father and the Spirit were invisible. But now Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation. He has made God visible.

A Parable

I have a friend, a Hindu, whom some of you may have met. He had been a professor in a college in India and at that time was a Buddhist. Before, he had been a Brahman. His hungry heart had not found satisfaction in either of these religions and he became interested in Christianity. He came up against the great doctrine of the incarnation—God became man—and he said, "I cannot believe that the Supreme God would ever so degrade himself as to become man." But this thought was in his mind day and night.

One day he was out in a field. You know a good Buddhist will never kill any living creature. As this Hindu professor was walking about he was attracted to a large ant hill. Thousands of the little creatures were busy gathering up food. He noticed that as his shadow came between them and the sun there was a great flurry among them. Whether their eyes were of such a character that they could observe that an immense giant was standing over them, I do not know, but they were frightened and ran around hither and thither. When he stepped to one side he noticed that they went on with their various ant activities as usual. He stepped back again, so that his shadow fell across the ant hill, but this time he remained quietly there for some ten minutes, and soon he noticed that the ants ceased to be disturbed. As he stood there looking down at them he said, "I wish I could make those little creatures understand my feelings toward them. They are evidently frightened because they do not know who I am, or how I feel. Perhaps they are afraid I am some great monster that will crush them beneath my feet. How I would like to be able to give them to understand that I have nothing but compassion in my heart for every living creature."

And then, as he stood there, this thought came to him: There is only one way I could ever do that. If it would be possible for me in some way to compress my mentality into the brain of an ant so that I would have all an ant's instincts and be able to communicate with my fellow ants, and yet have a man's mind, I could do it. In that way I would be able to make known to those little creatures just how this man feels toward them. And in a moment it flashed upon him—that is exactly what God has done in the incarnation! That is what God has done in the person of Christ! He has come so near to His poor, suffering, sinning creatures that He has compressed deity into a body, into the humanity of a man and thus He is able to make God known to us. And the Hindu said, "I turned away from that ant hill a Christian."

Our Lord Jesus is the image of the invisible God; He is the firstborn of all creation. He comes into the world as a Man, and God says, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." This has to do with His virgin birth. It is not His eternal generation that is in view in the second Psalm. There was no "day" in which He was begotten as the Eternal Son. But on a given day—foreknown from all eternity—He was begotten in the virgin's womb as the Divine Son, "the firstborn of all Creation," the rightful heir of all things.

Note the use the inspired apostle makes of the second Psalm in the thirteenth chapter of the book of Acts. Paul, in addressing the congregation in the synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia, says, "We declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus [again should be omitted, as you will see by consulting a critical translation, for it is incarnation, not resurrection that is in view in verse 33]; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

And, also in the epistle to the Hebrews the same passage is cited where the writer's object clearly is to prove that the man Christ

Jesus is the begotten Son of God with no human father. We read in verse 5, "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" Both passages are from the Psalms and both are quoted to prove the special relationship of the Lord Jesus to the Father. He is, as man, God's first born.

The term "first born" is not necessarily the one born first. It is used otherwise in Scripture. The firstborn is the heir, the pre-eminent one, and God has ordained "that in all things He might have the pre-eminence."

Adam had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain was born first. But Abel was the true first born "whom Cain slew." Then God gave Seth in place of Abel, type of the "first born from the dead." Abraham had two sons, Ishmael, the man after the flesh, was born first; but Isaac, the child of promise, was the first born. Isaac had two sons, Esau was born first. Jacob, or Israel, was the first born. And of Jacob's sons, we know that Reuben was the first born according to the natural order, but the blessing of the first born was conferred upon Joseph. And he had two sons. He placed them according to the natural order, Manasseh the elder at Jacob's right hand, Ephraim the younger at his father's left hand to be blessed ere he died. But Jacob guided his hands wittingly and placed his right hand on Ephraim's head and his left on the head of Manasseh. Thus the cross put the second man first.

So Christ is not the first born in the sense of being created first, for He was uncreated and is Himself the Creator but He is, as man, the rightful heir of all, therefore the first born set over all creation, the Second Man, the Lord from Heaven.

He did not begin to live when He was born in Bethlehem, but "He is before all things."

John the Baptist said of Him, "He, coming after me is preferred before me, for He was before me." Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am."

The Holy Ghost says, "He was before all things," and it is He who is "the beginning of the creation of God," the last Adam, the Head of a new race.

When Was He Rich?

Some time ago an evangelist was waiting in a railroad station.

He saw two men engaged in very serious conversation. One of them was a brilliant up-to-date American Unitarian; the other was a little, lumbering German Lutheran brother whose English was somewhat broken. They were having a heated argument. The American was trying to prove that the Bible nowhere stated that Jesus Christ had any existence before He came into the world. The old German brother was insisting that the Scriptures were full of the pre-existence of Jesus, but he was not able to make any progress in the argument.

Then the evangelist appeared and both the men turned to him. "What do you think?" they said. "Do you think Jesus Christ had any existence before He came to this earth?"

"One verse settles that for me," he replied.

"What verse is that?"

"Second Corinthians 8:9: 'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.'"

"Well," said the Unitarian, "I do not think that is touching the subject at all."

And even the old German brother, who hoped to find an ally in the evangelist, was forced to say, "I confess myself, I don't see where that has anything to do with it."

"Tell me, gentlemen," the evangelist returned, "when was He rich? Was He rich when He was born in a stable and cradled in a manger? Was He rich when He grew up in that mean little village of Nazareth and worked at a

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neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts."—Mal. 3:8-12.

Here the Lord says we have all gone away from Him. "Return," the Lord says. How will we return? "You have robbed me . . ." We can return in this matter of giving. Any of you can have a great blessed revival and know for certain that the Bible is true, be sure that God loves you, and that He answers prayer, if you will prove Him on the money question, for He said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." He says the crops will be better—"I will rebuke the devourer." He said He will stop the things that ruin crops and everybody will say, "This is a delightful land. God causes them to have good crops, and they have more grapes, more olives, and they have more wheat. And the animals bring forth, and they have a good increase in their herds and flocks." God said He will prove it to you if ye seek Him first and bring your tithes in.

We do not now have a storehouse as they had then, the Temple. But people still have a way to give to God's cause, and God says, "Prove me and see if I won't pay you back."

Here is one of the things that proved to me the Bible is true. I found it out early in life. Once I knelt under a thorn bush in West Texas and promised God if He would take care of me, I would be a tither. I was going to college; I would be a preacher, or singer, or missionary, or whatever He wanted me to be. So I set out to tithe and prove God. I went off to college with \$9.35 in my pocket.

Thank God, a thousand times He proved He would supply my needs in the most unusual way. It wasn't as easy then to work your way through college as it is now. How God took care of me is an amazing story. You can prove God on this matter. I have done it many times.

Many others have proved it, too. In this congregation, no doubt, there would be many who have said, "When I started tithing, God prospered me, and I got along better."

I. Preacher Proves He Can Tithe With Family of Fifteen, on \$125 Per Month

Years ago I was in a revival campaign in a country community in West Texas. In a daytime service I set out to teach people gathered under a brush arbor that God demanded first place in everything, that He wanted tithes and offerings from the loving and believing hearts of His people. Present in the service that day was a dear country preacher, Brother Kuykendal. He was then, and had been for years, county missionary in Palo Pinto county, preaching in churchless communities, building up weak churches, selling and giving away gospel literature as a rural missionary. He asked if he might tell how God had dealt with him about tithing. I gladly asked him to proceed. He arose and told his story about like this.

"Some years ago when I was county missionary of this county, the famous Baptist businessman, H. Z. Duke, who founded the Duke and Ayers Nickel Stores over a wide area, came to this county and, speaking as a Christian layman, urged the men and women everywhere to try God and see if He would not make good His promises to bless them in material things when they gave tithes and offerings to His cause. After Mr. Duke had spoken in one community, I took him in my buggy to another community. Mr. Duke said to me, 'Brother Kuykendal, do you believe in tithing?'"

"I certainly do," I said. "I believe in tithing and I preach it myself."

"But, Brother Kuykendal, do you practice tithing?"

"Sadly I had to answer, 'No, I do not. I believe in tithing, but I cannot practice it. You see, I have thirteen children at home. Every meal fifteen of us sit down at the table. I receive only \$125 a month, \$1,500 a year as salary. I have to maintain my own horse and buggy for constant travelling. It is just impossible to take care of all the needs of a family of fifteen out of \$125 a month and have money left to tithe. So I believe in tithing, and I preach it, but I cannot practice it.'"

"Mr. Duke was a very kindly man. He said, 'Brother Kuykendal, would you like to tithe? Would you tithe if I would back you up financially so you could be sure you would not lose by it?'"

"Nothing would please me more," I said.

"So Mr. Duke made me the following proposition:

"I want you to set out to give God at least \$12.50 every month, as soon as you get your salary. Then as you feel led, you may give more. I promise you that if you need help, I will give it. Simply write me a letter and say, 'Brother Duke, I am giving a tithe, but I miss the money. I need it for my family. I have given this year so much.' I promise you that I will send you a check by return mail. Are you willing to try tithing on that basis?"

"I hesitated a moment, moved with emotion, and Brother Duke said, 'I have thirty-two stores. I have plenty of money to make good my promise. I will be glad to do it. Will you risk me and start tithing on my simple promise that I will make good any amount you have given, any time that you find you miss it and need it? Will you trust me about it?'"

"I gladly accepted his offer. I said, 'Yes, Brother Duke, I have long wanted to tithe, but I felt I simply could not do it. Now, thank God, I can tithe and I will be glad to. And I will not feel like a hypocrite when I tell others they ought to tithe.'"

"So I started tithing for the first time in my life. Every month I took out first of all one-tenth of my salary and gave it to the Lord's cause; then, as I felt led, I gave more. In the back of my mind I always had this thought, 'Mr. Duke promised me that he would make it up any time I need it. He will send me the money if I simply ask him for it.'"

"But a strange thing happened. It seemed our money went farther than before. I would preach in some country community and somebody would tie a crate of chickens on the back of my buggy. Somebody would put a ham under the seat. Or a godly woman would put some home-canned fruit in my buggy."

"A neighbor farmer said, 'Brother Kuykendal, God has blessed me so that I cannot get all my corn in the crib this year. I have a big wagon load extra that I cannot keep. May I put it in your crib for your buggy horse?'"

"Another neighbor drove over with a great hay wagon full of hay for the cow."

"It was very strange, but that year we had no doctor bills. The children's clothes seemed not to wear out so badly. It was a happy, happy time. I never did have to call on Mr. H. Z. Duke to make up the money I had given to the Lord in tithes."

"Then one day, when the year was about gone and the test was about over, I suddenly realized with shame that I had believed what H. Z. Duke said. He promised to make good anything I lacked because of tithing, and I believed him. But my heavenly Father had made the same promise, and I had not believed Him! I had taken the word of a man when I did not take the promise of God! Now I had proven God's promises and found that He took care of me and my big family on a small salary. I found that \$112.50 per month took care of our family better, with God's blessing, than \$125 did without being under the blessed covenant which He has made with those who seek first the kingdom of God and who tithe."

That godly country preacher stood there before the congregation weeping. With the deepest emotion he said,

"Now I have tithed for many years. My salary has been increased year after year. We have always had enough. We have never been ashamed. The greatest spiritual blessing of my life, aside from my salvation, has been in learning to trust God about daily needs for my home and a big family."

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts and see if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

How many here have found in some strange and wonderful way

that when you tithed, God helped you out and made it enough, and some way you got along better than you did before? Have you proved that? Yes, it surely does pay. Now do you want to try God?

2. A Recent Personal Experience

May I tell you a little personal experience. I have just come from three conferences—four days at Dumas, Texas, and four days in St. Louis. Dr. Jones was with me in Dumas, Texas. And then four days in Chicago with Dr. Bob Jones and Dr. Beauchamp Vick of the great Temple Baptist Church of Detroit, and Brother Jack Hyles, and singer Bill Harvey—five of us. We had a blessed conference and lots of good was done. If we had had enough time to have a man on the field to work it up we would have had a bigger attendance. But we did have a good time.

However, at St. Louis I paid the hotel bill and meals for three of us—\$105 I paid out of my own pocket. By the time I paid the hotel bill, and airline transportation for Bill Harvey all the way up from Texas, then I got almost nothing more than expenses there.

Then in Chicago, with three tremendous speakers, I had to take care of their expenses. Dr. Bob Jones had to come from Greenville, South Carolina; Jack Hyles drove from Garland, Texas, 1,000 miles. And there were hotel bills and a \$95 printing bill. So I got almost nothing more than expenses out of that conference. Of course some of you gave some here in the church, but it took about all that came in for me, the pastor, to pay the supply preachers a very modest amount.

But do you know what happened? There came a letter from a man who reads THE SWORD OF THE LORD in California. He had an envelope with an offering of \$40 and he marked on there, "Designated for Brother Rice personally." Then another man who is going to school wrote me a note and said, "God has in a wonderful way provided so I can go to school another year and I felt I must share; so I am designating it for you." He sent me a check. It turned out that I had money for my needs and my family.

You can never get ahead of God if you put Him first. God will take care of you. Why don't you prove God? If there are some here who do not tithe—I am not trying to get your money. I just want you to be good Christians. God doesn't need your money: He wants to give you the privilege of joining in and helping in His business. But most of all God wants to make it so you can know the living God looks after you and answers your prayers, and that it pays to trust Him.

3. When I Gave Away 7,000 Copies of "Bible Facts About Heaven"

Let me call your attention to a couple of promises. For example, Proverbs 11:25: "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." When I first published *Bible Facts About Heaven*, I was to be on radio WMBI for two weeks. I said to Miss Fairy Shapard and some others, "Get me some Scripture; I don't have much faith. I would like to give away to everybody who writes for it, this book, *Bible Facts About Heaven*." (It sells for 60c a copy and there are sixty-four pages. It is expensively printed.) I wanted to give it on the broadcast.

And so one day Miss Fairy came in with this verse, Proverbs 11:25: "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." I said, "All right, that's it! I will try God on that."

I went on the air and offered that book. We had five thousand copies printed here in Wheaton at Phillips Print Shop. The calls began to come in and the Moody radio department was swamped. They turned the orders over to the stenographic department to mail because they had more than the radio department could handle. Soon the first printing was gone. Mr. Phillips printed another five thousand. We had requests for seven thousand copies of *Bible Facts About Heaven* from that radio offer!

But here is the wonderful thing, God so blessed it the first six months. Over two hundred found Christ through that book and wrote to say so. And now approximately one quarter of a million copies have gone out.

You can't get ahead of God. If you stick your neck out and give God a chance, He will prove Himself financially, prove Himself in the most tangible way in the world. You ought to try Him.

Another sweet promise to me is II Corinthians, chapter 9 and verse 6: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly: and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." That is why some of you reap so sparingly. Some of you put your money in a sack that has holes in it and you never know what went with it. Yes, but if you sow bountifully, you will reap bountifully. And when you give, God is able to give back. And God does.

So I would like to say that I have proved God on this question. I hope you will vow, "God helping me, I will set out to give tithes and offerings and depend on God, let God prove to me that He will open the windows of Heaven and supply." And He will. He has promised. I have proved Him. So have millions of others. You can, too.

"Come and see," the Lord says. "John and Andrew—Come and see. Nathanael, find out for yourself." So you can come and see.

II. The Bodily Resurrection and Deity of Christ Gladly Proved

So it is about the resurrection of Christ. The Lord Jesus gives us in the Bible wonderful evidence of how glad God is to prove Himself in the matter of the resurrection.

For example, in Matthew, chapter 28, when Jesus was raised from the dead, Mary, at the end of the sabbath, came to see the sepulchre. And to the women the angel said (verse 5 and 6), "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

You would suppose that anybody who has a false religion would say that you ought to take it on faith. But the angel of God said "Why don't you come in here and see for yourself that the body of Jesus is risen from the dead? He is not here. Come and see." Come and see! And so they saw that Jesus was risen. There is the Roman seal broken. The stone is rolled back and the angel sat on the stone and said, "Look in here and see that Jesus is raised from the dead. Come and see. Come see the place where the Lord lay."

Then in Luke, chapter 24, on this matter of the resurrection, verses 36 and 37 say, "And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they

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had seen a spirit." They thought it was a ghost. They thought, "Jesus is dead; now His spirit has come back." "And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet." They saw there the nail scars; the place where the spikes went into his feet. They felt bones and flesh and said, "It is no ghost." "And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them." See, Jesus was ready to prove Himself.

Thomas this time was not here, but later, in John 20, He came back and Thomas was there. I read verses 24-28:

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God."

Isn't it wonderful that God has patience with people who do not have much faith? If a fellow doesn't believe, but wants to believe, isn't it wonderful that Jesus will help him? He said, 'Come and put your hands there and see for yourself that I am the same Saviour.' And He ate before them. Thomas said, 'I can't believe until I put my fingers in the nailprint hands.' But Jesus said, 'Come on Thomas; I am ready for you to prove it.' 'Prove me now herewith, said the Lord.' So it was proved that Jesus rose from the dead.

That means, then, that He is all He said He was. He is not an ordinary man; He is God come in the flesh. That means He is the virgin-born Saviour, a miracle-working Saviour. That means He is the perfect, sinless Lamb of God. Jesus rose from the dead. That proves He is God's Son. One can know.

In I Corinthians 15, Paul summarizes these things. He tells how many people saw Jesus after He was raised from the dead—about five hundred brethren at one time, of whom the greater part are still alive, he said. Now over five hundred saw Him. Paul said he saw Him on the road to Damascus later. Jesus was with them forty days, and talked with them. They handled Him, ate with Him these forty days. And so Jesus proved His resurrection to people who didn't believe it. And you can know it, too.

III. God Is Glad to Prove the Infallible Inspiration of the Bible to Honest Seekers

Is the Bible the very Word of God? Can you know? Yes, you can. You can absolutely know. John 7:16, 17: "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will [if any man is willing to do His will], he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself."

Here Jesus says that knowing the Bible is true and assurance about the Bible depends, first of all, on: Are you willing to obey it? Are you willing to do what God says? Are you willing to repent of your sins and trust Jesus?

If you are, He is the Saviour. Are you willing to come to God and say, "He is my God and I will obey Him and follow Him"? It takes a willing heart. Your trouble is not your head; it is not intellectual. Your trouble is heart trouble. If you ever get ready in your heart to follow Jesus, He will show you the Bible is true.

In 1921, in the University of Chicago, I stood on the steps of Mandel Hall. A professor in the University, the head of the department of botany, who had also been the chairman of the National Presbyterian Assembly, had spoken for an hour trying to answer William Jennings Bryan. He said the Bible wasn't all truth; a very good Book, but not all true. He didn't believe in the virgin birth,

didn't believe in the miracles and such things. As I stood on the steps afterward I saw a young man seventeen years old, son of a missionary who had taught in Robert College in Constantinople and sent his boy back here.

That boy said, "Well, I thought Dad believed it all, but I guess it isn't true." I saw him walk down the street, after he had lost his faith at the University of Chicago. I stood there and said, "God helping me, I will find out if the Bible is all true. I will be an honest man and find out." Thanks be to God, I found out.

1. The Bible Is Historically Accurate

There are several ways you can know if the Bible is historically ac-

curate. I'm a college graduate. I did graduate work at the University of Chicago, then at Southwestern Seminary. I have been an editor many years. I have had a good way to find out, and I know the Bible is historically accurate.

This is an interesting fact. In England Dr. William Ramsey, Professor William Ramsey, (I use those terms because they are not what he is usually called, as you will see in a moment) started out to make a study. He said it would be interesting to find out how much truth there was in the book of Acts concerning the Roman Empire in the travels of Paul, as it was related by Luke in the book of Acts and in Paul's epistles. He spent years studying the monuments, studying the history, study-

ing the inscriptions, studying the old authors and the government records way back yonder in the Roman Empire, and finding the places, and so on. He did such a remarkable work as a scientist and historian that the Queen of England made him a knight, so he is Sir William Ramsey. And Sir William Ramsey wrote a half-

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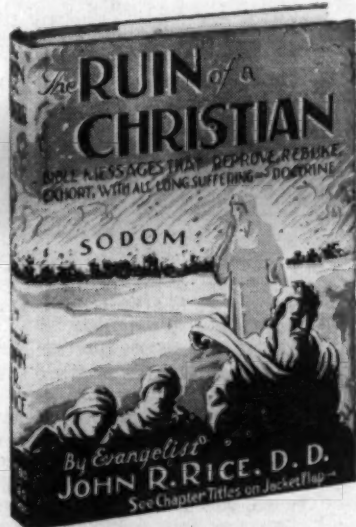
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By Elizabeth Rice Handford

Isaiah 9

"Unto Us a Son Is Given"

In our study of Isaiah chapter 7, we learned that a Son would be born of a Virgin, and that His name would be "Immanuel." Matthew 1:23 tells us "Immanuel" means "God With Us."

Now in Isaiah chapter 9 that prophecy is augmented. Not only is His name Immanuel, but He will also be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace.

All the hope of the world is encompassed in that tiny body of the Messiah to be born. For the world needs a wise Counsellor—clamorous voices pull us back and forth, and we do not know which way to go. We need The mighty God, the One who created the heavens and the earth with but a word—we need that might against the vicious barbs of Satan. The everlasting Father is our only hope for an eternal salvation. And nations build up their armaments, and the threat of war becomes a perpetual companion, we yearn for the One who is the Prince of Peace.

So the angel cried, when Jesus was born, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11).

Some of the prophecies in the chapter are yet to be fulfilled. We still wait for the day when Jesus will sit on the throne of David, and establish it with judgment and justice forever. But how blessed is the fact that Christ was born, and that in Him we find complete fulfillment of every need and desire. Matthew 4:15, 16 tell us that the first two verses of this chapter have been fulfilled. After Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by Satan, He went to Capernaum, on the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim, in order to fulfill this prophecy. "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." So has God shined in our hearts, "To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6).

Clues Across

- 1 "the prophet that teacheth ----, he is the tail"
- 5 "For all this ---- anger is not turned away"
- 8 "the people shall be as the fuel of the ----"
- 11 "When a strong man ---- keepeth his palace" Luke 11
- 12 "and hast forgot a ---- in the field, thou shalt not go again" Deut. 24
- 14, 31 "his ---- shall be ---- Wonderful, Counsellor"
- 15 "it ---- devour the briars and thorns"
- 16 "the government shall ---- upon his shoulders"
- 17 "toll, tribute, and custom, was ---- unto them" Ezra 4
- 18 sixth tone of scale
- 20 son of Gad (Gen. 46:16)
- 21 "one was brought unto him, which ---- him" Matt. 18
- 23 "it hath lighted upon ----"
- 26 to travel
- 27 prefix meaning "new"
- 28 number of lepers Jesus healed (Luke 17:12)
- 29 contraction for it is
- 31 see 14 across
- 32 "---- leaders of this people cause them to err"
- 34 abbr. for gold
- 35 "whose trust shall be a spider's ----" Job 8
- 37 "there shall be no ----, upon the throne of David"
- 39 "evil shall ---- the violent man to overthrow him" Ps. 140
- 41 Hebrew word for God
- 42 father of Adoniram (I Kings 4:6)
- 44 "Ehud made him a ---- which had two edges" Judg. 3

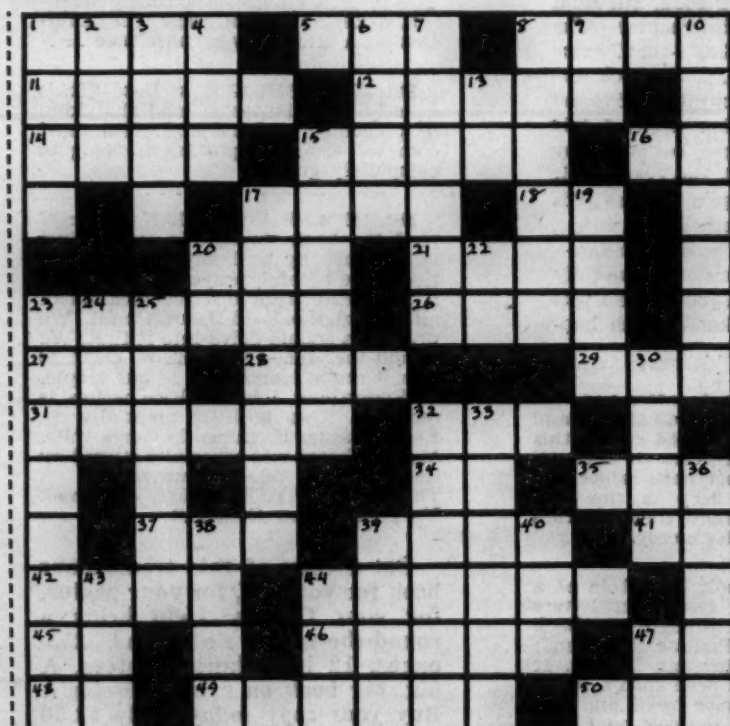
- 45 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, ---- walk ye" Col. 2
- 46 father of Amasa (II Sam. 17:25)
- 47 "---- man shall spare his brother"
- 48 initials of points of compass to which God removes our sin (Ps. 103:12)
- 49, 50 "The ---- The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace"

Clues Down

- 1 "he lightly afflicted the ---- of Zebulun"
- 2 one of David's chief rulers (II Sam. 20:26)
- 3 girl's name (---- a)
- 4 "lest they ---- with their eyes, and hear with their ears" Isa. 6
- 6 "thou shalt call me ----, and shalt call me no more Baali" Hosea 2
- 7 "they that dwell in the land of the ---- of death"
- 8 "the bricks are ---- down"
- 9 "---- the world hate you, ye know that it hated me" John 15
- 10 "the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his ---- together"
- 13 Hebrew word for God
- 15 "But as they ----, he fell asleep" Luke 8
- 17 to feign (noun of this word used in Phil. 1:18)
- 19 father of Melchi (Luke 3:28)
- 20 initials of first woman and first man
- 22 "---- will change them into cedars"

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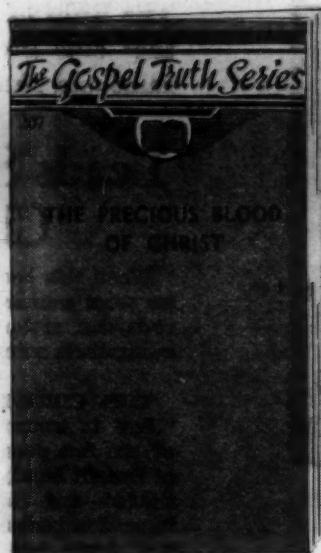
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- 23, 47 "Of the ---- of his government and peace there shall be ---- end"
- 24 "did more grievously afflict her by the way of the ----"
- 25, 36 "with confused noise, and garments ---- in ----"
- 30 "they joy before ---- according to the joy in harvest"
- 32 "And all thy children shall be ---- of the Lord" Isa. 54
- 33 "he shall snatch on the right hand, and be ----"
- 36 see 25 down
- 38 father of Amos (Luke 3:25)
- 39 "and it ---- lighted upon Israel"
- 40 hot drink
- 43 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should ----" Phil. 2
- 44 "let it alone this year also, till I shall ---- about it" Luke 13
- 47 see 23 down

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by Robert Clark

The scriptural phrase from which the author takes the title for his study is found in I Peter 1:18, 19. As Clark comments: "The word 'precious' is a favorite word with Peter. He writes about 'precious faith,' 'precious promises,' 'precious stones,' 'precious blood.' The word has a twofold meaning: it means honorable, worthy of respect and reverence; and it means valuable, having intrinsic worth. The word in I Peter 1:19 carries both meanings."

After explaining the meaning of the crucifixion and showing how the blood of Christ is precious, the author enumerates and enlarges upon seven things which the blood of Christ does for an individual.

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Only Begotten Son

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carpenter's bench? Was He rich when He went about over the hills and through the valleys of Galilee and Judea and Samaria, when He could say, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head?" Was He rich when they wanted a penny and He had to say, "Show me a penny?"

The old German's face lit up and he said, "I know when He was rich."

But the Unitarian replied, "I am not going to discuss the subject at all."

Just then the train arrived for which the evangelist had been waiting. As he stepped on board he saw the Unitarian hurrying away, the German following and he heard the latter saying, "Tell me, tell me, when was He rich?"

God Is Exactly Like Jesus Christ

And we put that question to all who, while professing to believe the Bible, yet deny the pre-existence of Christ, "When was He rich?" He was never rich on earth, but infinite riches were His in the glory that He had with the Father before the world began. Yet He left it all and came down here to be a "Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief," and to tell out the heart of God to sinful man.

This He has fully done. There is nothing in the character of God that has not been fully displayed in Jesus. When men ask, "What is God like?" We may answer without any hesitation or reservation, "He is exactly like Jesus." Christ could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," and, "I and my Father are one." Think of anyone but a divine person venturing to say, "I and my Father are one!" If Jesus were not truly divine, what colossal egotism! And observe it is not merely that the Son and the Father are one in purpose, but one in nature and character. This is not to confound the persons of the blessed holy Trinity. They are of one substance but distinct in person. And so He who was God manifest in flesh has fully manifested the divine character. Jesus was not merely godly, nor god-like, but He was God incarnate.

"God manifest,
God seen and heard
The Heaven's beloved one."

Is it any wonder that the Father rent the heavens over His devoted head and exclaimed, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased?" Angels heralded His lowly birth with the glad announcement, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

How gladly should men have received Him; He who thus came from the bosom of the Father to tell out the heart of God in all its fullness and to bring in everlasting righteousness and abundance of peace to a world writhing in anguish because of sin and its awful effect.

But what did man do with God's first born? They cried, "Away with him!" They hurried Him to a cross of shame. But what happened there? He offered Himself without spot unto God, a sacrifice for our sins. He made peace by the blood of His cross, and now, having been raised from the dead, He is head of the church, the first born from among the dead. This is what we learn in Colossians 1:18. As the resurrected man, He

takes His new place as Head of the Church. Because He is Creator, He is head over all the universe. Because He loved the church and gave Himself for it, He is head of the body. Always pre-eminent in God's thoughts, there was a higher glory than that of Creator which was reserved for Him, but He had to reach it by death and resurrection. Oh, what glories have accrued to Christ by way of the cross! As Redeemer, He holds the highest place; He is now the head of the church. Head of what church? Head of the church which is His body.

We Shall Be Like Him

In the eighth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans we have our Lord again spoken of as the first born: "Whom he did fore-know, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren."

Here we see Him as the Archetypal Man—the Pattern Man to whose image all His brethren—those who receive eternal life through believing in His name—shall be conformed.

Two aged believers, both octogenarians, were bidding each other adieu on one occasion:

"Good night, John," one of them said, "we will soon be thirty-three."

A friend heard this and said, "You will soon be thirty-three? Why, you are eighty-four now."

"Oh, yes," they replied, "but we are going to be like Him, and He was just thirty-three when He was nailed to the cross."

Some day we shall every one be just like Him—God's blessed first born—like Him spiritually, like Him morally, like Him physically, when we get our glorified bodies.

"Prince of the Kings of the Earth"

In Revelation 1:5 we have a greeting "from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first begotten of [or, properly, the first born from among] the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth." Here we have our Lord as He was in the days of His flesh, "the faithful witness," the true Prophet revealing God to man, then as the Resurrection Priest "who ever liveth to make intercession for us." It is as the first born from the dead that He exercises this particular office, interceding for His saints as they still tread the desert sands, exposed to trial and temptation in this world where they are called upon to witness for Him, the earth-rejected one. By and by He will return to reign as Prince of the kings of the earth. Thus we see Him as He was, as He is and as He will be. His resurrection attests the reality of His mission and is the pledge of His coming victory over all the powers of Hell.

But the story does not end here. Rejected of men, He was accepted of God, owned as His first born, received up into glory, and seated on the Father's throne, "from henceforth expecting until His enemies be made His foot stool." Clearly and unequivocally the inspired word declares that He must come back to establish here over all the earth the reign of righteousness so long predicted. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," is the message of the celestial messenger (continued on page 12)

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dozen books, and came to the amazing conclusion that he had been wrong. Though he didn't say the book of Acts was inspired, he said it is the most perfect historical document of all times; that it is reliable; that it is accurate and true historically.

No matter how hard you try, you can never prove the Bible wrong on any matter of history. I have gone into that.

2. The Bible Never Wrong on Scientific Matters

Then on matters of science—that is a good deal more conclusive because history is a thing that people might have recorded otherwise. But scientific facts are provable.

For example, we now know the circulation of the blood and the life processes are carried on all by the blood. For example, if the heart stops beating just two or three minutes, and you don't get blood to the brain, certain parts of the brain deteriorate and soon you will die. That is why, in some operations, an artificial heart is used and blood is pumped right on through and purified in the lungs and then carried on back into the body. If surgeons have any serious operation on the heart, they have an artificial pumping arrangement to keep the blood going.

In Bible times men didn't know that. Back thirty-five hundred years ago God had Moses write in Leviticus 17, "The life of the flesh is in the blood." Then they had no telescopes. They didn't know that pinpoint stars out yonder were planets. But the Scripture says in Hebrews, "By him also God made the worlds." "Worlds"—plural. Plural worlds, planets out there. Heathen people thought those stars were made of lights hung on some great dome. But the Bible speaks of "worlds."

Then about this earth. People didn't know it was round. Isaiah, chapter 40, says, "He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth." But the word *circle* is a Hebrew word for arch or roundness. Not round like a disc is round; but round like a ball is round. God sits upon the roundness of the earth. Is the earth round? Yes. In Job the Scripture says God hangs the earth on nothing. This earth then is a planet, a ball hung out in space on nothing, the Bible says. Scientists didn't know that

then; they know it now. The Bible is historically accurate. And it is scientifically accurate. I am only showing some ways how it can be proven.

3. Fulfilled Prophecies Prove the Bible Is God's Word

Then there are prophecies. Here is one of the strongest evidences that cannot be denied; cannot be answered; cannot be gainsaid that the Bible is the Word of God. The prophecies fulfilled prove the Bible is God's Word.

For example, we know that God prophesied way back in Deuteronomy, chapter 28, the dispersion of Israel, that Jews would be scattered to all the world. That has been fulfilled.

In Daniel, second chapter, we know that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that showed the world empires, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome, then the ten nations that come out of the Roman Empire pictured by the ten toes of the image. And we know that that has been fulfilled in that order. The prophecy was made in the time of Babylon, then Media-Persia, Greece and Rome came in that order.

Somebody said, "Let's have another world empire." Kaiser Wilhelm said, "I will try it," but he failed. Hitler said, "I can do it," but he failed. Communists think they will do it, but they won't. There has never been another world empire nor will there be until the Antichrist reigns for a brief season in the tribulation time.

You see, prophecy has been fulfilled. You can't say that was an accident. A man is a fool to suppose that everything promised in the Bible that comes to pass is only an accident.

The destruction of Jerusalem was foretold while Jesus was here. It didn't happen until thirty-seven or forty years after He was crucified. But it happened, the destruction of Jerusalem and the Jews scattered into all the world, just exactly as it was foretold.

I am saying that there is no way for an honest person to say that the Bible is not accurate and truthful, because prophecies have come to pass again, and again, and again. One can "come and see."

Even the coming of the Saviour foretold that He would be borne of a virgin; that He would be of the tribe of Judah; that He would be of the house and lineage of David; that He would be born in Bethlehem; that He would come into Jerusalem on a colt, the foal of an ass; that He would be hanged on a tree outside Jerusalem. All these things came to pass exactly like the Bible says.

So we may know that the Bible is verily the Word of God, that it proves itself to the honest inquirer.

IV. Draw Nigh to God And He Will Draw Nigh to You

Now how can I know Christ personally? Can one come to Christ and absolutely know that He is the Saviour and that He saves your soul? Yes he can. In James, chapter 4, is this wonderful promise, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts; ye double minded. . . . Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Here the Bible says, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." The Bible says, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Anybody can come to God for peace and forgiveness. Everybody anybody is not saved, is because they do not humble their hearts; they are not willing to confess and forsake their sins; they are not willing to turn their backs on their sin, so go on in this matter and rebel against God and do not get saved.

Well, one can find out. I thank God I can know. Here is Andrew and John who asked, "Rabbi, where do you live?" Jesus answered, "Come and see." They went to see. Philip, a new convert, went to see Nathanael and said, "Come. We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write." Oh, Nathan-

ael said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" But Philip said, "Come and see." And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus showed him, and the thing was settled in a moment.

"Come and see," God says, "Come and see." "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30). "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).

You see, one can come and know. I thank God I came to Christ as a nine-year-old boy. People discouraged me, so for a time I did not have assurance of salvation, but I had the salvation. I had something in me that made me want to do right; made me pray for other sinners; made me try to win souls; made me want to know the Bible. Though I wasn't sure I was saved, something in there was settled. People ask me when was I called to preach? I have come to the conclusion that I was called to preach when I was born. I wasn't sure of it until later, but I had all the urging in there all those years ahead of time. I say, I know I am saved. I thank God a thousand times. God speaks to my heart. He puts within me the Spirit to cry, "Abba, Father," and so I know.

1. One Can Have Constant Peace, a Clear Conscience of Sins Forgiven

Oh, how could one know? Thank God for the peace He gives to poor sinners who trust in Jesus! On a cold November Saturday night in Dallas, Texas, a man one morning tried to commit suicide by turning on the gas in his room. He was saved by a chambermaid who herself had lived a harlot's life. After he got out of the hospital, he and this chambermaid came to see me. This man who was so frantic—his wife had quit him; no home, no job, health broken with an incurable disease. Now he felt he couldn't go on. As he knelt by my bed I put my hands on his head, prayed for him, and showed him the Scriptures. He trusted Christ.

He sat up and said, "Isn't it strange?"

I said, "What is strange?"

He said, "I was so worried, so fretted. I thought I couldn't live, couldn't face another day. Now it's all gone and I feel so peaceful and happy, and haven't a care in the world! Isn't that strange?"

I said, "No, that isn't strange. Jesus said, 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.' You have found rest for your soul."

I thank God I have seen a thousand others find it, too. I saw a man who had lived as a pimp. He who had led girls into white slav-

ery at Seattle, Washington, was so distressed that he could hardly stand under the burden of his sin. I saw God give him peace and joy, and he went away happy.

2. One Can Have Daily Victory Over Sin

Not only peace and joy, but God can also give victory over sin. Mrs. Rice, do you remember Lonnie Jones with the dope habit, that drunkard and thief who was ostracized by society and shunned in Texas—how God saved him? He who couldn't leave liquor and dope alone, yet God cleaned him up and set him free. With a shining face night after night he would give his testimony in that revival which ran fourteen weeks, I believe. Thank God I have seen the man who couldn't quit drinking—I have seen God take it away. He couldn't quit dope, but God took it away.

That isn't all. I have seen a man who had such a disposition of sin that his heart and mind was wrapped up in it all the time; and after receiving Christ, was transformed.

I knew Clyde Barrow at Shamrock, Texas, when he was a great big bully of a man, always drinking and fighting. After he got saved he came to my house one morning at five o'clock to talk to his pastor. He told me how the night, when he was downtown, some of the boys had said, "Come on Clyde and have a drink."

No he wouldn't take a drink. "Come on; you ought to have a little beer!"

No he wouldn't.

One fellow then took a glass of beer and threw it in his face hoping the smell of it would attract him.

Clyde said, "I just told him, 'You know I could break you in two with my fingers (he weighed perhaps 235 pounds, was 6 ft. 4 in. high, a whale of a man)—I could break you in two with my two hands and I would have done it back yonder, but I am not even mad at you now. I am going to pray for you.' " And he said to me, "Tears came to my eyes as I prayed for him and asked God to bless him. Then the whole crowd slunk away." Mrs. Rice, you know how, before he was converted, he hit a fellow and knocked him under a car in the street. That was the reason he felt so mean and so got converted. And now he said, "Brother Rice,

something sure has happened to me!"

Let me tell you, something happens when God gives a new heart. When God gives a new disposition, you become partakers of the divine nature. Sinful, yes; weak, yes; but thank God for something in you. Brother Barrow, you are not the same man you were before you were saved. Maybe others can't see it but inside you know there is some difference. God does change people. You can find out. Come and see. Try God and see. "Prove me now herewith and see." God invites you to try.

Yes, God can give that victory. I have seen it up and down this land—not once, not a hundred times, not a thousand times, but tens of thousands of cases I have seen. God has made hearts right. God has made drunkards sober, harlots pure, infidels into believers. God will do it, too.

V. The Sinner Who Does Not Come to Christ, Does Not Want to Come

The man who doesn't take Christ as Saviour wants to go on with sin. Someone says, "I just can't believe." Oh, yes, you could believe, but the trouble is you just don't want to believe.

That was the trouble with Tom Paine. I have his book, *The Age of Reason*, which he wrote when he was in jail in Paris. It is against the Bible, but he didn't have a Bible with him, not even a New Testament. He just copied some things others had said about the Bible. He set out to prove the Bible wasn't true, though he didn't have a copy of his own, and couldn't borrow a copy, not even the New Testament. He hadn't even read the Bible, but he said, "I can prove the Bible is not true!" Isn't that ignorant? That wasn't scientific, nor scholarly. Poor ignorant thing! His trouble was a heart that hated God, a heart that hated the Bible.

"Well, Brother Rice, I would be saved if I could know." All right, I will tell you how you can know. Turn to John, chapter 3, verse 18, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only be-

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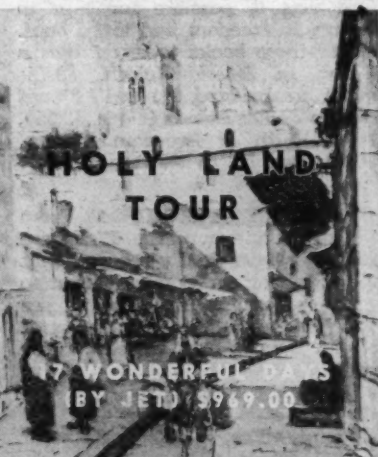
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Come and See!

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gotten Son of God." Now listen: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Why is it you love darkness, stay in darkness, and don't come to Christ? Because your deeds are evil. You are living in sin. You have a bad heart. You want to stay that way. Your dirty heart, with your excuses. You poor wicked rebel against God, you who want to pretend there is some good reason to stay in sin! There is not any good reason. You just don't want to get right. You want to go on in your sin.

We had a blessed revival campaign in Decatur, Texas, some years ago. A newspaper reporter came to the meeting one day, the son of old friends. (I still get word from his mother sometimes.) As I talked to him about his soul, he said, "I don't believe you can know about it."

I said, "You don't believe you can know, but I know you can, and your dad and mother know you can. And millions of others have proved that you can know it. That proves you are ignorant; it doesn't prove you can't know."

He said, "A fellow can't help it if he can't believe in God, can he? If a fellow doesn't believe the Bible is true, he can't help it, can he?"

I found that he had read some of Haldeman-Julius' little blue books, those little blue books with excerpts from Tom Paine and Ingersoll and others. He thought that if you spent ten cents for one of those little things and read that tommyrot, that would fix him so he could argue.

I said, "I know."

"But I don't know."

"Yes, but you CAN know."

"No, I don't think you can."

"Because you don't think you can doesn't fix it. The patient doesn't know as much as the doctor; so a sinner doesn't know as much as the Saviour. It is a question of whether you want to know. If you want to know, I can show you how."

Then he asked, "How?"

"Get right here on your knees. You can take the Bible, as I did, and prove its scientific accuracy and the fulfilled prophecies. But there is a quicker way. Get down here and pray to God—"

"But I don't know if there is a God," he interrupted.

"That's all right; that doesn't change the fact that there is. What you need is to come to God and say to Him, 'I want to serve Christ. If God made me, then I ought to serve Him.' Isn't that true?"

"Yes," he said, "that's true, but I don't believe there is a God."

"But if you are honest, you will find out whether there is or not. You can tell God, 'If the Bible

is the Word of God, I'll obey it and follow it, if you will show me it is.'"

But he said, "Brother Rice, I don't believe the Bible is the Word of God."

"But you can find out, and you are wicked if you don't find out. You are crooked."

"All right," he said, "What must I do?"

His brother spoke up, "I don't think we had better get down there and pray."

But the man who had been arguing said, "Listen I have already stuck my neck out. I said it wasn't so, now if I am going to be honest, I have to test it and see."

I said, "Yes, if you don't kneel down here and find out about this, then every time you open your mouth, I am going to tell the public that you are a dirty, lying cheat who wouldn't find out when you had a chance, that you don't want to know the truth because you want to go on in your sin. You will find out, or you will know it is because you love your sin and are not willing to get right."

"Yes," he said, "I think that is right. I ought to try it."

So we got down together. First I prayed, then I asked him to pray. I said, "I don't ask you to lie. You said you don't believe it. Tell God you don't if you want to. But just admit this: 'If there is a God and if He shows Himself, I ought to serve Him. If Jesus Christ is God's Son who died for my sins, then I ought to love and trust Him. If the Bible is true, any man with any sense and decency ought to follow the Word of God. Lord if you will show me, I will.'"

He didn't get far; he didn't pray long until he began to sob. And the first thing you know, he put his head over on my shoulder and cried like a baby. He said, "It is all true. I know it is. It's all true." So he turned to Christ and got it settled.

You see, your trouble is not head trouble, but heart trouble. Your trouble is not that you can't know the truth; it is that you don't follow the truth you do know.

For instance, you know lying, cursing, drinking and a lot of other things are wrong. All right, set out to follow what light you have; draw nigh to God, and He promised to draw nigh to you. Why don't you seek Him? You can find Him. That is what He said. So anybody who goes away from Christ—your trouble is a heart that is not willing to seek God.

This is what I would like to do this morning. First, I want to say to the glory of God, Thank God, I know! I am the kind of skeptical, hardheaded fellow who wants to know. If you don't believe that, check and see how I prove it, not only with logic, fact and Scripture, but I prove it. Jesus Christ has proved Himself to me. I am glad my dad didn't have money to send me to school. I am so glad that nobody could write a check to pay my school bills. I started out with my \$9.35 and I had more that that when I got done, besides having a wife and one girl!

Let me tell you right now, you can prove God and find out. Prove Him on the money question. Prove Him on the Bible. Prove Him on the deity of Christ. Prove Him on your own salvation. Prove that God answers prayer. Why don't you try God and see?

How many here will say, "Brother Rice, I would like to prove God on the money question"? How many here already give to God's cause at least a tithe and offering? There are many. Haven't you found joy in it? You get to where you like to give because you know God's going to take care of you. You delight in it. You love it.

Is there anybody who says, "Brother Rice, I know I ought to and I would like to be in that class"? Wouldn't it be wonderful if you just had some way God could prove to you everyday He is with you? Wouldn't it be wonderful for God to prove to you everyday? I told you about those two gifts coming in for me this last week when I needed them. My secretary could tell you that's the way it has been all these years she has been with me (twenty-six years now). That is

Only Begotten Son

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gers to the wondering disciples on the Mount of Olives. The prophet Zechariah predicts that to that very mount He shall return again, when He comes as the Deliverer of His ancient people in the hour of their greatest trial.

In the second Psalm it is in connection with this very promise that the words referred to before are used. It is because He is the begotten Son that He is instructed to ask for the heathen as His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the world as His possession. He must return to fulfill these prophecies, and when He does, He will be hailed with glad acclaim by saints and angels as the first begotten, the Son and Heir of God who takes the kingdom because it is His by right. In amazement men who have refused His claims and spurned His grace will then behold Him coming in clouds with power and great glory, when He shall be revealed from Heaven in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God; when He shall come to be admired in all who have believed the Spirit's testimony concerning Him. And so we read in the first chapter of Hebrews, verse 6, "And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." This is as it reads in our generally excellent authorized version but here is a more critical translation: "And when he bringeth the first begotten into the world again, he saith, Let all the angels of God worship him." It is carrying us on to His return. He who came once and was rejected as God's first born, is coming into the world again, and not only will men own that He is indeed the first born, the first begotten of the dead, but all angelic intelligences will fall at His feet and worship Him.

It is written in the law, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." But the Father calls on all the

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the way it has been since 1926 when we started out with no salary. That's the way it has been in some degree ever since I started to college on Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Brother, I have proved that verse of Scripture true.

How many will say, "Brother Rice, I do not now regularly give tithes and offerings, but I believe I ought to. The Bible says God will help me, God will provide. It will pay. If I sow bountifully, I will reap bountifully. That if I bring in tithes and offerings, God will open the windows of Heaven and bless me." How many will say, "I am going to try it, trusting Him, loving Him, depending on Him to make it count! I am going to give not less than the tithe and offering"—some to this church if you are here maybe, but where God leads you. How many will try God out on this tithe and offering basis? God bless you and you. Yes sir, you can prove Him and see. God bless you.

Now wait a minute. I wonder how many will say, "There is something I need, and as a matter of test, and because I feel this is right, I am going to test God out on the matter of answered prayer. I am going to persistently take a certain matter to God and give God a chance to prove Himself about some need of mine"? Will you do that? All right, God bless you. Thank you very much. Oh, prove Him on the Bible, prove Him day by day as an ever-present help in trouble.

The Death of John Huss

When John Huss, the Bohemian martyr, was brought out to be burnt, they put on his head a triple crown of paper, with painted devils on it. On seeing it, he said, "My Lord, Jesus Christ, for my sake, wore a crown of thorns; why should not I then,

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If Jesus be not God, all Heaven will be filled with idolaters! Blessed it is to bow at His feet and cry with Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

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